# THE INDEPENDENT

# Tory MPs dance to Goldsmith's tune

DONALD MACINTYRE and STEPHEN GOODWIN

Sir James Goldsmith yesterday cast his long shadow over a di-vided and apprehensive Tory party when William Cash, the leader of the biggest ever Commons revolt against Government European policy, was bitterly attacked for taking funds from the billionaire ty-

Seventy-eight Tory MPs backed a symbolic Ten Minute Rule Bill promoted by Mr Cash, which sought a referendum designed to unstitch the 1993 Maastricht Treaty and give powers vested in Brussels back to

The vote in favour of Mr Cash's Bill was significantly less than the sensational 100 some of his supporters had been predicting. But it was larger than thed 66 who backed lain Duncan-Smith's similar Bill, seeking to repatriate powers of the European Court of Justice, only two months ago, and is powerful and embarrassing testimony to the strength of Tory Euro-phobia John Major faces as he struggles to find a solution to his confrontation with the EU

The Prime Minister was angrily attacked last night by the pro-European MP Edwina CurThe Tory ranks – including ie for his refusal to condemn Mr Cash and his supporters, despite repeated invitations to Redwood and Norman Lamont do so by Tony Blair, the Labour leader. She said he needed to realise that if leadership was not the advice of their own whips to given, "it will be taken by oth-

Cash, who admits to receiving outgoing Tory MP for Harro-research and organisational gate, was the sole vote against assistance" from the Gold-Mr Cash's Bill after all the smith-funded European Foun-dation, which Mr Cash chairs. Mr Cash declined to disclose the cash value of the help he re-ceives from the Foundation but added that "the fact that |Sir James] may welcome and sup-port my Bill has nothing to do with it. I did the wording, the Bill is mine."

Mr Davies proposed that the funding from Sir James, who has put £20m into the Referendum Party, currently threatening fragile majorities in a score of Tory seats, should be referred to Lord Nolan's committee on standards in public life. Mr Davies said last night that Mr

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Cash owed his colleagues an explanation "as to how he found it possible to reconcile being a loyal Member of Parliament and to receiving political funding

two of the Bill's sponsors, the former Cabinet members John - were augmented by 14 Eurosceptic Labour MPs who defied the current debate about Eustay out of a Tory argument, two hic has been excluded it is Liberal Democrats, Liz Lynne scarcely surprising that "some But the Tory pro-Europeans and Nick Harvey, and five UIs rather ugly beasts are gathering reserved their main fire for Mr ter Unionists. Robert Banks, the at the edge of the campfire".

main parties organised a large-ly successful abstention opera-

Mr Blair warned: "If he carries on running from them, they will carry on chasing him. And the loser will be Britain -our jobs, our industry our influence." John Major was officially said to be "relaxed" over an outcome which he declared in advance would not change

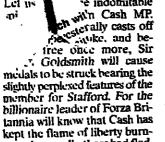
Mr Major said he had made it perfectly clear in speech after speech and in the recent White Paper that Britain's role lay within the European Union, fighting for the sort of EU that was amenable to Britain.

"We intend to try to provide within a European Union a set of circumstances that are right for this country. That does not mean that we accept every element of policy our European partners propose.

In the Commons, Mr Cash said it was not about whether the UK should be in or out of Europe. "It's about the kind of Europe we are in and where we are going and whether the British voters should be allowed to have their say." In an exclusive interview with

the Independent today. Paddy Ashdown blames the "crisis of democracy" for both the influ-ence of Sir James and the Eurosceptics. He says that because rope is one from which the pub-

# Cash and the costly bore of funding a private Bill



ng, whence all others had fled.
Today Bill's metamorphosis is almost complete: in his larval stage he was a mild obsessive, became a dinner party bore, progressed to anorak, so-journed as standing joke, rose to rebellion, is now hailed by his entire family as a visionary and – at last – stands ready to be garlanded as victor. History will judge him to have been Britain's Braveheart, our William Wallace. Through persistence and bravery he has gathered a grow-

berserkers, ready to fight and die politically for their country. But as yesterday's ten minute Bill debate on a European refgrendum showed. Mr Cash is an mikely leader. Where some inpire through rhetoric, Mr Cash fears down through adjectival evitability. So, burned out by early and uncharacteristically

ing band of patriots and



#### AARONOVITCH

colourful allusion to "surfing the tidal wave of federalism", he quickly reverted to "central, unelected authority" and "remote and unrepresentative European Parliament". He reminded me of those old

members of the Militant Tendency who could never speak of newspapers, but always of "the capitalist press". Eventually your conditioned synapses automatically make the connections and you are partly theirs.

Tirue, the Cash way is boring and works slowly. Such is the lack of urgency and passion that he he could walk into a packed meeting of Neurotics Anonymous and shout "fire!" only to see his audience start chatting relaxedly amongst themselves. But where once he toiled alone and friendless, today he is well supported with the con-siderable benefit of lots of dosh from the mysterious Goldsmith. This financial arrangement is

a mixed blessing. Irritatingly for Mr Cash it casts him in the role of John the Baptist to Jimmy's Saviour (though it is hard to imagine a modern day Salome getting off on Bill's severed head). Thus Mr Cash, for all his prophetic gifts, merely gives us a taste of what is to come. And what might that be? Mr

Goldsmith was variously talked

about in the Chamber as a "French MEP living in Mexico" a "foreign politician" who had made his money from selling groceries and - finally - a "Mexican grocer". Images of Sir James, his mad blue eyes staring out from between a sombrero and a Zapata moustache selling beef enchiladas to unwilling Germans, roiled around my brain. As did this question: if he were not a billionaire, would he be invited to meetings of the Conservative Philosopi Group (prop. J. Aitken) and effectively supported by a third of the backbench Tory party? Or would he be forced to stand outside the member's entrance. next to the anti-vivisectionists, waving his placard as those same MPs' limousines spat-tered him with mud? Which proves that Cash talks.



Abusers' charter goes unchecked Council blocks report on child victims

12 deaths after child abuse case

# National child abuse inquiry on the way

Chief Political Correspondent

A Cabinet committee was last night close to ordering a national inquiry into child abuse following reports of widespread buse in local-authority residential homes for children.

Whitehall sources expect an announcement next week after the issue has been referred to the Cabinet, which meets tomorrow. The Cabinet committee on home and social affairs. chaired by Tony Newton. Leader of the House, heard the proposal for a wider inquiry by William Hague, Secretary of State for Wales, who has been dealing with allegations surrounding a centre in Clwyd. North Wales, which have been highlighted in the *Independent*.

Next week the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, will announce plans for a register of ex offenders, including a paedophile index, as part of a government "law and order" week. John Major will also unveil a revised charter for crime victims. Ministers are considering including calls for a national inquiry into child abuse as part of its crackdown on crime.

The initiatives will be seen as an attempt to respond to regain the law-and-order initiative from Jack Straw, Labour's home-affairs spokesman. Despite criticism of his call for a curfew for under-11-year olds, vately admitted that Mr Straw

There would be cross-party support for a national inquiry

into child abuse but ministers are wary to avoid raising publie anxiety. It was unclear last night whether the Cabinet will sanction such a move. Pressure grew after disclosures about child abuse in homes in Clwyd. A study into the allegations called for a judicial inquiry and Mr Hague

told councils for the area he wanted to publish the report, in

spite of difficulties over naming a number of people alleged to have been involved. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, who has responsibility for children in residential homes in England, and Home Office ministers were also being consulted about the need for a wider inquiry to quell grow-

ing public concern. Police believe at least 300 children have been sexually as saulted in children's homes in Cheshire, in additional to the child abuse cases in Chvvd. The police interviewed 2500

inmates of four homes - codenamed Granite, Emily, Bugle and Enamel - who went through the system from the mid-1960s,

The Cheshire scandal, disclosed in the Independent on Sunday, added to the pressure for a national inquiry.

The police inquiries spread to Merseyside, and police also checked links with the Clayd child abuse allegations.

#### QUICKLY Power to the people

A proposal for the Prime Minister to be elected by the house of Commons, instead of being appointed by the Queen, will be unveiled by the Liberal Democrais next week, Paddy Ashdown, leader of the party, reveals in an interview with the *Independent* todav.

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# Ulster deadlock over Mitchell

The Northern Ireland political talks vesterday experienced a day of deadlock as the participants failed to reach agreement on the question of chairmanship.

After a 15-minute plenary

session in the morning, the day was taken up by a series of bilateral meetings as agreement was sought on the question of the former United States Senator George Mitchell's acceptability as overall chairman.

The Irish government and John Hume's Social and Democratic Labour Party are strongly supportive of Senator Mitchell, but the Rev Ian Paisley said his Democratic Union-

#### Chairmanship row dogs peace talks. David McKittrick reports

ist Party would not accept him. David Trimble's Ulster Unionists have taken up a less clearcut position, with reports that they might accept him, though with a curtailed role.

When it was put to Ian Paisley Junior that Senator Mitchell was a senior political figure with international credentials, he replied: "Well, Mickey Mouse has international credentials." He alleged Senator Mitchell was "implacably opposed" to the Unionist position. The former Senator was last

chairmanship should not have been settled in advance by the two governments, and should

have been subject to ratification by the talks participants. Yesterday was thus lower-key than the first day of talks, which

was marked by the turning away

in the talks. The Unionist ob-

jection to this is on two main

fronts. Some, such as Mr Pais-

ley, object to him because, they

allege, he would not be impar-tial. Others say the question of

week invited by London and of Sim Fein from the conference Dublin to chair plenary sessions venue. Once the chairmanship issue is resolved, agreement will then be sought on the agenda.

The Irish government is de-termined to retain Senator Mitchell in an important role because Dublin believes that his presence increases the chances of the IRA renewing its ceasefire. Republicans have made clear that they approve of his in-volvement, regarding it as a sign of continuing American en-gagement in Northern Ireland, which they welcome.

There had been hopes that a positive start to the talks would encourage republicans to come forward with another ceasefire, but the unpromising start has been a disappointment in that regard. On the early evidence, Sinn Fein strategists

may feel relieved that they are not involved in the discussions. The chairmanship issue poses an important strategic choice for Mr Trimble's party. Some Ulster Unionists will favour forming a new "pan-Unionist front" with Mr Paisley, while others will be

anxious to keep their distance from his party. Although the parties were critical of each other during the election campaign. much of the Unionist electorate will be in favour of a united front

in the negotiations. In the Commons yesterday the Prime Minister. John Maior, said Sinn Fein had only themselves to blame for their exclusion from the talks. He declared: "Their exclusion from these talks is their fault. That is the position of this Government, the Irish government, the overwhelming majority of people in Northern Ireland and that situation is not going to change."

# SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

There was intense lobbying over the Family Law 800 lest night. The Government has lautiched in intensive behind-the scenes lobbying compage to unpack a key change forced on it during the Communic Communic Stage, which would delay many discress for at least 31 months. Family lawyers have warmed that such a delay could dantage the chances of reconciliation or satisfactors as angements over children as much as the present "quarke" effernes.

Tory MPs are to be given a free cote on an amendment to be tabled by a backboncher for the combined Report Stage and Third Reading on Monday might, but ministers insist that the committee's addition of a three-mouth "quarantine" period before the divorce process could start is at odds with April's vote when a majority of MPs backed an 18-month period of "reflection and consideration". The Shadow Cabinet was last night described a both or to 1 iff the Shadow Cabinet was last night deciding whether to kill the Bill by voting with Tory right-wing rebels. A Labour leadership source said: "The Bill is deeply flawed as it stands. If we were to contemplate supporting it there would have to be considerable amendments to the report stage and we don't anticipate these. Patricia li yan Davies

A second social worker has won targe damages for Astress-related illness, it emerged yesterday. Janet Ballantyne, deputy head of a home for the elderly in South Lanarkshire, has been paid £66,000 in an out-of-court settlement over her treatment in 1991 and 1992 when a new officer-in charge took over the bome. According to Unison, the public-sector worker's union, she was ignored and humiliated and driven off work suffering panic attacks when her complaints were ignored by senior management. Her case follows that of John Walker, the Northumberland social worker who recently received £175.4k0 for stress caused by overwork. But, Matt Smith. Scottish Secretary of Unison, said the case "confirms that stress-related illness must be treated seriously by employers". Nicholas Timmins

Acoust action to stop the Newbury by-pass being abuilt through the habitat of the rare Desmoulin's whort snail was transported yesterday by a evalution of local people and environmental organisations who argue that the Government's failure to protect the Berkshire site is a breach of the European habitats Directive. Preparation has already begun to move the snail habitat but Friends of the Earth say experts warn that transplantation of the habitat has never before been attempted and is likely to full. Papers were lodged with the High Court seeking a judicial review of the decision to press ahead with the route. If the challenge is successful, the groups hope it will result in an injunction holding up work on the £73.8m contract given last week to construction group Costain. Christian Holmar

The bat that bit two women last week had rabies, Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture, said in a Com-mons written reply last night. The Daubenton's but was be-lieved to have been blown across the Channel from France or to have come by ship, and there were unlikely to be any other rabid bass in Newhaven, East Sussex, where the hat was found. The women were vaccinated as a precaution.

Meanwhile, Peter Thomas, a veterinary manager with the Ministry of Agriculture, told a Corporation of London seminar yesterday that fox rables could be climinated in Europe by the end of the century, and while it may remain in trats, there is no evidence the bat virus has ever infected any animals other than humans. With mass vaccination campaigns using fat pellets dropped from aircraft, cases in the European Union have dropped from more than 14,000 ia 1989 to fewer than 1,000 last year. Nicholas Timmins

Traud over National Vocational Qualifications may be courring through companies which run training courses claiming students have qualified prematurely or forging certificates in order to get cash from the Government, the National Audit Office says today. Following concern about schools offering the NVQs highlighted by the Labour MP. Dale Campbell-Savours, the NAO launched an inquiry. It is investigating a company in Mr Campbell-Savours' who had not completed the course. Chris Blackhurst

Train drivers on privatised Great Western railways are to receive increases on average earnings of between 10 per cent and 27 per cent. In return, 50 of the 300 jobs are to go but managers believe most of the losses will be through voluntary redundancies. Under the deal, average earnings will be between £23,715 and £25,600, compared with £18,488 to £23,725 now. In January, the Independent revealed that train drivers at the Plymouth depot handled trains on average for just one and a half hours a day. Great Western was one of the first rail companies to be privatised and a management buy-out team started running the services in February. Christian Welmar

Leans to cover the ruins of a medieval chine congress and glass structure were thrown out of the rejection by the City of London planting committee Diocese of London's controversial £3m scheme at the Diocese of London planting Ethelbunga's badly damaged by the IRA's Bishopsgate bomb in 1993, has given hope to an alternative proposal for the Grade I listed building. The Friends of St Ethelburga's, who have planning permission for a £2.3m restoration stacked, said they were waiting to bear whether the Diocese would beek their project or appeal. Michael Streeter

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### Peer sells up for new life in the sun

**LOUISE JURY** 

He had already blown £7m of his fortune on a drugs habit and sold a clutch of surplus manorial titles. Yesterday, the Marquess of Bristol sent the last of his family's silver, porcelain and furniture under the auctioneer's hammer to fund a new life in the Bahamas.

Nearly all the contents of the marquess's home in the east wing of Ickworth House, near Bury St Edmunds, in Suffolk, had been marshalled into several hundred lots and more than 700 people had registered as potential bidders in one of the busiest country house sales Sotheby's, the auctioneers, had seen in some time.

Mercedes and Rolls-Royces packed the makeshift car park from early morning as the curious and the well-to-do came to snap up a memento of the Hervey family, who have lived the high life at Ickworth since the fourth Earl of Bristol built the house two centuries ago.

The whole thing is tragic really," said Stephen Griffiths, 31, a local farmer and businessman as he perused the marquess's 1964 Rolls-Royce complete with Hervey coat of arms and the number plate 888 NOB. "It's the end of the line now." Michael Hall, 54, a stud farmer, said that the prospect of boyant peers was pushing prices fridge or the vacuum cleaner.



Everything must go: Sale of the contents of the Marquess of Bristol's home and garage topped £500,000 yesterday

high. "They get carried away. I'm interested in the pictures which are tomorrow, but they're going to make astronomical prices. Some of them will make five

times the estimate, I'm sure." Peter Gallienne, 43, a local government finance officer from Norwich, was another frustrated bidder but conceded he was not entirely surprised. "I've never seen so much quality throughout a sale," he said,

James Miller, Sotheby's senior director in charge of the sale, said the Hervey family always had good quality. "It is an incredibly distinguished collec-tion and it's an idyllic place to

have a sale ' The 41-year-old marquess was not present although locals claimed he was renting a house nearby. But Mr Miller said the peer was already enjoying his new life in the Bahamas, his co-

him know the final figures by as tenants. The National Trust is letter. "He's getting on with his life," Mr Miller said.

With sales topping £500,000 by lunchtime yesterday the marquess seemed set for the financial security which he claims has eluded him when he was paying £350,000 house maintenance costs a year.

Although Ickworth was built by one of his ancestors, the house passed to the National by one of Britain's more flam- furniture rather than the 1950s hind him. He was not on the ties and since then the marquess's Hervey, later Bishop of Bath good old boy, really, despite telephone but they would let family had lived in the east wing and Wells, stared out across the what they say.

negotiating to take back the wing and was among the bidders yesterday. It inherited the cream of the Hervey collection in 1956 but was interested in a handful of lots with historical links to the

family. "We'll be telling everyone

tomorrow whether we've been

successful," said Paul Dickson. a sookesman. As the soulless eyes of plaster busts of the first Marquess

Photograph: Brian Harris marquee, the sale of Harvey

heritage continued. Above the auctioneer, the eyes from seven stags heads rolled towards the ceiling as if in surprise at the prices.

As lucky buyers began the journey home, a cabbie at nearby Bury St Edmunds station reminisced about the days when he used to drive the marquess to London at £70 a time. "So the Bristols have lost everything," he said. "It's a nity. He was a

# Unholy alliance

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Frieythe (UUP Antrim S); Sir James
Molyneaus (UUP Lagan Valley); William
Ross (UUP Londonderry E); and the Rev
Martin Smyth (UUP Beltasi S).

# UK faces defeat over scheme for phased lifting of beef ban

SARAH HELM

The Government is facing its biggest defeat yet in the beef dispute, as chances of securing a ramework settlement before the Florence summit continued to diminish yesterday.

British diplomats were putting the chances of securing such a framework by Florence at "only 50-50". John Major has urged European Union member states to agree a framework before the meeting, which starts in 10 days, in return for an end to Britain's policy of disruption.

Meetings to negotiate the deal take place in Brussels on Friday and in Rome on Monday. Éveryone recognises that without a framework, the summit, which concludes the Italian presidency, could be undermined by the British veto, causing lasting harm to British-EU relations.

On the face of it, the British cil, causing long delays. In the

The idea is to secure an agreement in principle from member states for a 10-step phased lifting of the ban. There is no pro-posed timetable for the process and each element of the ban would be lifted on the basis of a European Commiswould be based on scientific

advice. However, in the framework document Britain is also seeking to bind member states to agree in advance not to block future decisions to lift elements

of the ban. Under procedures applied to lifting the ban on gelatine, tallow and semen, it was the Commission which decided to make a proposal to ease it, based on scientific evidence. But the proposal failed to win a qualified majority vote in the EU's standing veterinary committee or in the agriculture ministers' coun-

plement the measure unilaterally under EU procedures. Since then, it has indicated it

would not act again without political support of member states. So it is important for Britain to prevent member states blocking a future Commission proposal. sion proposal, which itself British officials accept they cannot force member states legally to give prior commitment not to vote in a certain way. But by winning prior agreement on procedures, it would be more difficult for member states to block in future, they argue. To most member states, however. the British demand looks like an attempt to tie their hands.

To try to break the impasse Britain will over the next few days try to negotiate more detailed criteria for the lifting of each phase, to give more reassurance to other member states that they are not signing a blank cheque. The criteria will be discussed on Friday for the

proposals are uncontroversial. end, the Commission had to im- first time by the veterinary committee before a "conclave" of foreign ministers in Rome on Monday. But few believe the process can be completed in time for Florence. Britain can only hope other member states will make concessions in their desire to preserve the

summit. Jacques Santer, the European Commission president, who is trying to broker the agreement. said he was "quite confident" of success before Florence. But senior Commission officials privately said there was "no way" member states would agree to the terms Britain was offering.

Germany in particular still opposes any new commitments on easing the ban. And John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, who has spoken to Mr Major, Mr Santer and to Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, in recent days, spoke yesterday of a "gulf of misunderstanding" between the sides.

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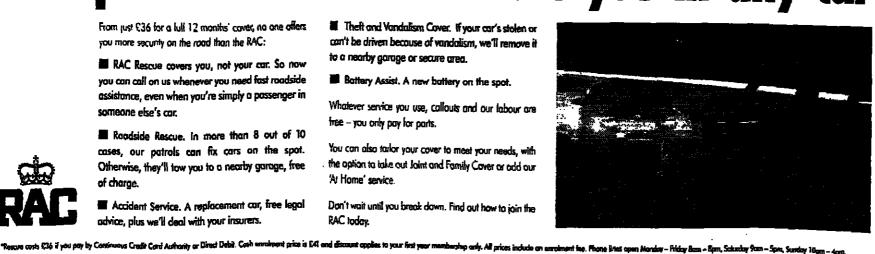
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self-employed, owner-occupiers

and white-collar workers with

professional qualifications, is no

surprise to the leading Asian

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veys of Britain's richest 500

people, Dr Swraj Paul, 65,

the head of the Caparo steel

empire, is estimated to be worth

£500m. He came to Britain

from India in 1966. Last year

he did what would have been unthinkable a few decades ago, when he bought a steel mill in

Pennsylvania. Regarded as a "shrewd operator", he lists three key qualities that Asians bring to the market place: There is no secret, but three things; hard work and being pre-

pared to sweat it out, integrity

Dr Paul, a close confidant of

the shadow Chancellor, Gordon

Brown, said: "The Indian is a big

saver. He doesn't waste, doesn't

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Ethnic trends: Professor accused of stereotyping the successes and failings of races changing the face of British society

# Asians emerge as the new money makers

**JASON BENNETTO** 

GNIFICANT SHOPE

Asians, particularly Indians, are set to become one of the most wealthy, dominant middleclass groups of the future, while Afro-Caribbeans are likely to be part of the inner-city workingclasses, according to a report published yesterday.

But the study, based on the first national census of the British ethnic population, was yesterday criticised for stereotyping groups after an Oxford professor described Asians in the survey as facing a "Jewish future" and black people an

Among the findings of the study by leading academics is that new ethnic groups are emerging, notably "British blacks", who no longer associate themselves closely with their Caribbean origins, but have developed a new identity.

The 1991 Census, published yesterday by the Office for National Statistics, found that the ethnic minority in Britain is just about 3 million, or 5.5 per cent of the population.

The largest group is the Indian population at 840,000, followed by the Black-Caribbean population at 500,000 and the Pakistanis with 477,000. There are 212,000 Black-Africans, 163,000 Bangladeshis and 157,000 Chinese. The Irish community, which is not listed separately in the census is believed to more

than a million people, Professor Ceri Peach, head of the social geography department at Oxford University, noted that Asians, particularly Indians and to a lesser extent the Pakistani population, but not the Bangladeshis, were becoming a population who were self-employed, owner-occupiers and white-collar workers, with professional qualifications. But that the Black-Caribbean pop-

for a working-class future: vaged-labour, state-educated, and council houses-dwellers.

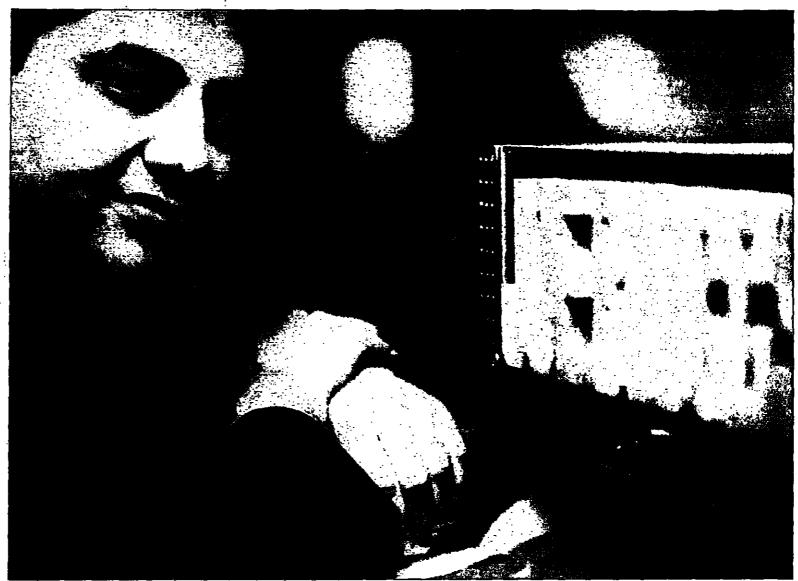
Part of the explanation for the success of the Indian population is the high level of education, success at finding economic independence and the tightening of immigration laws has meant that mainly skilled Indian people have entered Britain since the mid-1970s.

While admitting there was counter evidence for the generalisation, Professor Peach wrote: "One of the most telling summaries of the differences between the Caribbean and Asian settlement in Britain was that the Caribbean's faced what I term an 'Irish future' while the Asians face a 'Jewish future' ".

A spokesman for the Commission for Racial Equality described this comment as a "stereotype". Professor Peach replied yesterday: "It might be stereotyping, but I think it conveys the flavour of the gen-

In the report Professor Peach also argued that there was now a high level of mixed white and Black-Caribbean households or "marriages" - about one in four - which had helped lead to the emergence of a "Black British identity". This is linked to a decline in the Caribbean population, which rose from about 28,000 in 1951 to a peak of 550,000 in 1971, to about 500,000 in 1991. Since 1984 there have been more "Afro-Caribbean" people born in

Britain than in the West Indies. On the question of education the most qualified groups are the Chinese, Black-African, and Indians, who all have higher achievements than British-born whites. But despite this advantage the study found that "most ethnic minorities are doubly disadvantaged. They have poorer ment than do British born



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Success story: Shami Ahmed, director of the flourishing Joe Bloggs clothing company based in Manchester

and they have poorer changes

of entering....the service class". The report concludes that the Indians and Chinese are among property-owning and professional, while Bangladeshis are at the other end of the scale. Another reason for the suc-

ticularly businessmen and administrators, were expelled from East Africa. A large number had an English education the groups of the high-per- cess of the Indian population is and were skilled at dealing with population live. formers, being well-educated, that many skilled workers, par- complex bureaucratic systems. 

□ Ethnicity in the 1991 Census.

concentrated in the South East and West Midlands, where about 40 per cent of the

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# Varying fortunes of Britain's immigrant classes

Some of the main findings of the study into ethnic groups in Britain are:

ethnic minority, particularly those in the age groups 30 to 44 and 45 to 59 – the result of the Britain are:

**BLACK-CARIBBEAN** 

Over 70 per cent of the group live in London and Birmingham. Levels of segregation are much lower than for African Americans in the United States all black-Africans live and and for Pakistanis and where they constitute about

Suburbanisation of the population is clearly evident in their London distribution. The highest black Caribbean proportion in a single ward is Roundwood in Brent, northwest London.

Unemployment rates are more than double the white average, and for young men, reach more than 40 per cent. The Caribbean population is much more concentrated into flats than houses.

BLACK-AFRICAN

Almost one-third, 32 per cent, of the Black-African populution was born in England. They are the most qualified student origins of the very first generation of Black-African migrants.

Two thirds of Black-Africans live in Inner London. The highest concentrations are in Lambeth where almost one in 10 of in this country. one in 15 of the population.

**BLACK OTHER** 

Of the Black-Other population, one-third described themselves as (black) British, 14 per cent as Mixed (black/white), 28 per cent as Mixed-Other and 25 per cent as a variety of other

The relatively large proportion of mixed parentage re-flects the high incidence of inter-ethnic partnerships among those of Caribbean descent. The Black-Other population is extremely youthful and a high proportion of Black-Other families are described as being cohabiting couples and lone



CHINESE

Just over one quarter of the Chinese population was born in Britain About one third of the Chi- Ireland.

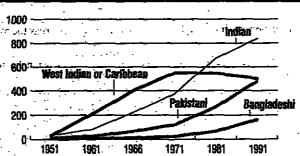
nese population was born in Hong Kong.
The Chinese population is more geographically dispersed

than any other ethnic group. Al- the average for all men. though the stereotype of a Chinese is someone working in a restaurant or take-away, nearly 18 per cent of Chinese men are in professional occupations, compared with 7 per cent of

About seven in 10 were born in the Republic of Ireland, with the remainder born in Northern

The proportion, 7.6 per cent in the highest social group – those with professional occupations - is slightly higher than

But Irish-born are significantly over-represented amongst those who are homeless - sleeping rough, and those who are living in temporary accomodation in hostels and lodg-



PAKISTANIS

The Pakistani population is

most numerous in West York-

shire, Greater Manchester,

Almost six in every 10 Pakistani

households consist of a married

couple with dependent chil-

dren, compared with five in 10

Pakistani men are strikingly

over-represented in the cater-

ing industries compared with White men.

An emerging trend is self-

employment, particularly in

Indian households and 2 in 10

Lancashire and Scotland

White households.

INDIANS

The Indian population was the largest of all the ethnic groups numbering 840,000. Forty-one per cent were born in the United Kingdom, 37 per cent in India, and 17 per cent in the East Africa Commonwealth countries, such as Uganda.

More than one half of the Indian population live in the South East. The social class profile of the Indian population is skewed both towards the upper echelons of white-collar work and also towards semi-skilled

the youngest and fastest growing of all the ethnic groups recorded in the 1991 Census. The average size of Bangladeshi households is 5.3 persons, more than double the national average of 2.5 persons. Over 60 per cent of households where the head was born in Bangladesh contain five or more people. More than half the Bangladeshi population lives in London, eas have become Asian-domiand just under one half, 43 per cent, of London Bangladeshis live in the Borough of Tower Hamlets.

The Bangladeshi population is

OTHER GROUPS

It appears that the largest other single group is of Arab or Middle-Eastern descent. Just over 40 per cent live in Greater London, but unlike other ethnic groups, the areas of highest concentration in Inner London are generally the most affluent boroughs, Westminster, and Kensington and

acknowledge the potential of winning Asian business. When many Asians were hurt by the collapse of BCCI in 1990, the major clearing banks were given a chance to step in. Nirmal Singh, chairman of the Bradford Asian Business Association who runs a quilt and

textile business, agrees with Dr Paul, "Hard work, seven days" is the secret. Arriving from the Punjab 30 years ago, he says many Indians who owned a small plot of land came to England and only wanted to work for themselves. His own rise, he says, went "slowly, slowly".

Mr Singh's son, Iqbal, soon to qualify as a lawyer, backs up the Census's findings about the next generation of Asians. "He has been to private school, university, is highly ambitious, is a Young Conservative chairman . this is the kind of opportunity I never had."

Other Asians among Britain's rich elite include Tom Singh, 45, whose New Look fashion retail business, based in Dorset, attracted institutional investors at the beginning of this Airline deal, page 16 year to the tune of £170m.

# Jnions warn of job losses as BA exports work to India

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

British Airways, which last week

announced record profits of £585m. is creating data pro-cessing jobs in India to take advantage of pay rates up to 13 times lower than Britain. Union leaders yesterday

warned that as many as 5,000 white-collar jobs at the airline could be "exported" to the subcontinent where on-screen administrative staff earn £2,000 a year rather than the £14,000 to £26,000 paid in Britain.

The company insisted yesterday that its operation in India was a "totally new business". but conceded in a letter to unions that management was taking advantage of an "at-tractive cost base".

British unions fear that a wide range of computer-based services could be transferred to the Third World with the potential loss of hundreds of thousands of British jobs.

officials dated 21 May, the company disclosed it was employing 150 in Bombay, rising eventually to 450.

Sean Keating, chief negotiator for the GMB general union at BA, accused the airline of having a "hidden agenda" to export British jobs.

On the same day that the airline announced record profits it also revealed that it intended to cut costs by a billion pounds by the year 2000, said Mr Keating.

there is no justification for this. It is immoral," he said. Mr Keating claimed that BA

had already transferred jobs abroad and that telephone calls from the public to BA after 10pm were often handled in New York. A similar attempt to switch calls from the United States to Britain was blocked by legal action taken by American

A system for correcting tickets had been switched to Delhi said. The number of jobs in Britain associated with the process declined from 100 to 17.

Mr Keating also said the union would demand assurances from the company and would seek legislation, similar to US law, stopping companies taking jobs out of Britain simply to take advantage of low pay. An emergency resolution passed unanimously at the annual congress of the GMB in

Blackpool yesterday viewed in India, he said, was aimed at

decisions by BA, saying the "destruction of employment" in Britain was based on "greed, profit and a disregard for workers in the European Community". GMB officials said that in the absence of assurances over job security from the company, the union would consider balloting for industrial action.

A spokesman for BA denied the company had any plans to export jobs. The new venture

"At a time of record profits, four years ago, Mr Keating with "extreme concern" the selling information technology and administrative services to other airlines and companies in other industries ■ More than 200,000 local gov-

erament workers belonging to the GMB voted by a majority of 51 per cent to take industrial action in protest at a 29 per cent pay offer. Two other unions, Unison and the Transport & General, have already accepted the increase.

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# McDonald's 'used police sources' in libel case '

DANNY PENMAN

Special Branch officers have been passing information to McDonald's which has helped the burger company in its libel action against two no.th London environmentalists, the High Court has been told.

McDonald's also employed up to seven private detectives to gather information on the pair. The revelations came to light during the court action between the burger chain and and Dave Morris

The hamburger chain alleges end of the year, is being heard that in the late Eighties the pair without a jury.

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Sydney Nicholson, Mcburger company's private security agents because he never the pair without a jury. McDonald's of producing food linked to heart disease, diabetes and cancer. The leaflet also accuses the fast-food outlet of abusing animals, its workers and the environment.

The pair, who are defending themselves against the \$26bn corporation, deny libel, arguing that the leaflet paints an accurate picture of the company's activities. The case, which is now in its 23rd month and is expected to last at least until the

Donald's vice-president in the United Kingdom and former head of security, told the High Court that Special Branch officers supplied information to the company about environ-mentalists believed to be handing out the leaflet.

In 1989, officers from the Animal Rights National Index. which gathers information on animal-liberation activists for Special Branch, identified protesters outside the company's

burger chain.

Mr Nicholson told the court that Special Branch had said they considered the two environmentalists to be of "very little importance". What they were interested in was the pos sible connections with the animal liberation groups, and they did not indicate either of the two

were involved in that, he said. Mr Nicholson said he did not know if Special Branch had held any other meetings with the

campaigners were subsequent- curity agents because he never tective agencies with at least sevquestioned them about their sources. "All the [McDonald's] security department have many, many contacts in the police service, they are all ex-policemen; I would not ask them who their contacts were," he said. Greenpeace International.

He said that he would use police contacts for information. "If I wanted to know something about someone I would almost certainly make contact with the local crimes beat officer, the local CID officer, the local collator," he said.

McDonaid's also used two deen undercover agents to monitor activists from London Greenpeace, which produced the leaflet and to which Ms Steel and Mr Davis belong. The organisation has no connection with

London Greenpeace meetings were frequently attended by fewer than 10 people. Mr Nicholson said he did not believe the number of agents monitoring the group and attending meetings would affect the direction of the organisation.

Ms Steel claimed that at one meeting in 1990, four people attended, three of whom were undercover agents from two different private investigation agencies working for McDonald's.

Mr Nicholson said he "had no idea" if three of the four were acting for McDonald's. "If they did, then that was the object of me using two agencies."

Agents acting for McDonald's also took letters belonging to the group. Mr Nicholson told the court that he gave categor-ical instructions for the agents

to do "nothing illegal and mathme improper. But, he added: "People do make metakes." A spokeswoman for Scotland Yard denied that Special Branch regularly supplied information them suspected political manalrights or covironmental activists

to companies. They would have

ever, tell them if they believed

an organisation powed a threat "It is not the practice of the Metropolitan Police to provide lists of activists and we are misaware of any instances where that has happened," she added.

# Major attacks lottery grants to gay groups

REBECCA FOWLER

John Major condemned the distribution of lottery money to favorable smallest grant charitable schemes for gay people, lesbians, deportees and prostitutes as "ill-founded and ill-judged" yesterday, in an unprecedented attack on the

grant-making process. His criticism followed the distribution of £159m to more man 2,000 projects by the lot-tery's Charities Board. Although beneficiaries included institutions such as the Red Cross, the Samaritans and the Prince's Trust, more controversial schemes were also helped.

Among those highlighted by Downing Street were the West Midlands Anti-Deportation Campaign, which received £66,000; the Leicester Lesbian, Gay and Bi-Sexual Centre, which received £50,000; the Gay London Policing Group, £26,000; and the Scottish Prostitutes Education Project, which received £82,000.

Mr Major told the Commons that while he welcomed the grants to charities, a minority were inappropriate. "A small number do not in my judgement reflect the way Parliament and the public expect-

ed lottery money to be spent." The grants were based on the theme of youth and poverty, and the biggest went to a homeless

shire, which received £609,900. The Big Issue magazine, sold by included £500 to the Tong Recreation Association, on the Isle of Lewis.

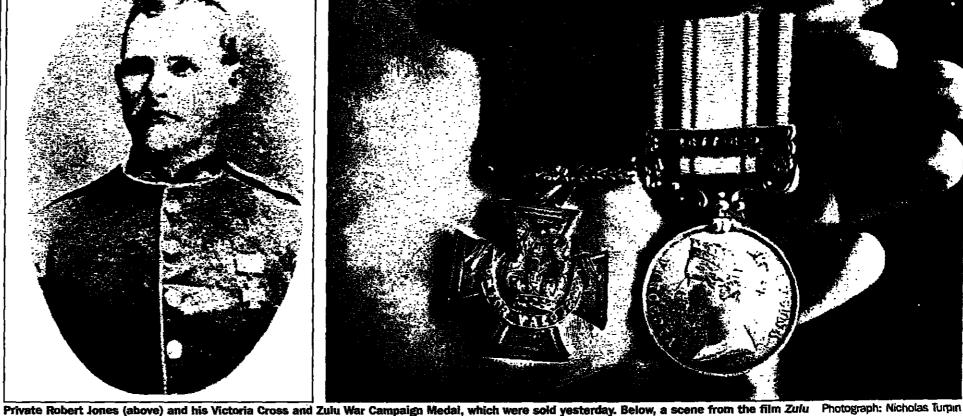
The Charities Board defended the more controversial projects to receive grants on the basis they were picked on merit, not popularity. It said projects for gay people, lesbians and de-portees accounted for less than I per cent of the total.

David Sieff, chairman of the board, said: "We must by law consider all applications we receive on merit. All groups offered grants submitted excellent applications to the board, which were assessed thoroughly against their criteria."

The grants were brought to the attention of Downing Street by Virginia Bottomley, the Secretary of State for Heritage, who has asked Mr Sieff for a written report on the choices, including The Gay London Policing Group, which works with victims of homophobic attacks, and aims to improve police attitudes. Its grant was to fund a youth worker.

Fen Coles, a project worker for the group, said: "We're disappointed the Government has reacted in this way. They seem to be saying some groups are of a higher priority than others when it comes to receiving Naproject in Bradford, West York- tional Lottery money."





### Rorke's Drift VC auctioned for £80,000

A Victoria Cross won at the defence of Rorke's Drift during the Zulu War was auctioned for £80,000 yesterday and hopes were high that it will find its way to a regimental museum.

The medal, one of 11 awarded in the clash, was bought by an unidentified buyer at the sale at Westbury Hotel, Conduit Street, central London, for less than expected. It was awarded to Private Robert Jones, 21, of

a regiment which later became the South Wales Borderers. He played a crucial part in the stand of 153 soldiers against 4,000 Zulu warriors in January 1879.

Family members including grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren were at the auction. Michael Naxton, representing the buyer, refused to give any details other than that he or she was British but not Welsh.

loaned to the regimental museum in Brecon, Powys, Mr Naxton said: "It may be it will be loaned to the museum. It's not for me to say."

Jones's medal was one of seven won by the 24th Regiment of Foot. The other six are kept at the museum, which would have liked to have bid for it but did not have the funds. Jones's great-granddaugh-

Asked if the medal could be ter, Bronwen Bufton, of Presteigne, Powys, said the able to see the medal, which had been bought by an unnamed investor for £98 in 1950. "We would very much like to have it back ... at the museum in Brecon; that is the family's aim. We are hoping whoever has bought it is on our side. If he would be very kind and lend it to the mu-seum that would be wonderful."



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# Summer children lag peers at GCSE

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Children born in the summer are still lagging behind their peers even when they take GCSE, according to new research to be published next

Research by officials from the University of Cambridge Examinations Syndicate shows that autumn-born pupils score marks 2 to 3 per cent higher than those born in the summer.

A series of studies has found that summer-born pupils lag behind perhaps because they often start school at Easter, two terms after everyone else or in September when they are just four and struggle to keep up. The researchers, who looked

at results of 20,000 16-year-old pupils in science, 68,000 in maths and 1,679 in English, show that the effect lasts well beyond primary school.

They say that summer-born pupils are less likely to be entered for the more difficult levels in GCSE subjects where papers are divided according to

Among the weakest pupils, the summer-born are more likely not to be entered for GCSE exams at all.

Alf Massey, head of the syndicate's research and evalu-ation division and one of the researchers, said: "It seems to me very interesting that you can detect such strong effects of birth-date in the data for 16-year-olds.
"The differences caused by

birth-date are as large as those caused by sex but we are concerned about the latter but not the former.' He urged secondary schools

to make allowances for children's birth-date when chil-dren were being placed into sets

ing which level of paper they should sit at GCSE

The research paper, by Mr Massey, Gill Elliott and Emma Ross in the journal Research Papers in Education, suggests that teachers may be misled by the apparent immaturity of some pupils at 16, causing them to enter the pupils for papers which were too easy. It says that teachers' expectations of summer-born children may be

It also points out that they fall furthest behind their peers in teacher-assessed course work and essay questions and are at less of a disadvantage in shorter questions.

However, the researchers argue that changing exams to offer pupils a bigger choice of types of tasks would not be

Government exam advisers have agreed that results of an optional national reading test for seven-year-olds should be adjusted to allow for age and given alongside the unadjusted result but the paper says that the introduction of similar measures at GCSE on which entry to employment and further education depends would be too contentious.

Mr Massey said parents of summer-born children should be aware of research findings and should consider carefully when it was appropriate for their children to start school. "Parents naturally want to get gifted children into schools early but there may be a case for delaying the start of school for those who are later developers. Some children born towards the end of the school year may be advised to wait un-til the beginning of the next

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# These people have Aids. They are art. They want you to touch them



Bare essentials: Two of the human exhibits in 'Don't be Scared', which aims to challenge popular fears about touching people with Aids

It is, claims its creator, "conceptual documentary expressionism". To be prosaically accurate, it is a man dying of Aids, sitting naked on a sofa, and you are encouraged to

But is it art? In a sense it is where installation art in the Nineties has been leading. Damien Hirst has explored attitudes to death through preserved animal carcasses; the American video artist Bill Viola shocked crowds n the Tate Gallery with a video ne took of his mother dying. And now, in London's

which the striking live image is

Exhibition of suffering is designed to make people think hard, writes David Lister Talking to them and touching them becomes the artistic experience, an experience in

only a part of the overall effect. Provoking the visitor into thinking about social issues is an integral part of the artistic experience for the exhibition's creator. One's thoughts are easily provoked. Phials of HIV contaminated blood are on the white table in front of the sofa.

The exhibition "Don't Be Scared" is the concept of Tony

ited" a tramp to make people think about homelessness.

Yesterday, at a converted meat factory in St John Street, in London's Smithfield, Kaye opened an international touring exhibition whose focus was a person with Aids. Five Aids victims are sharing the role of exhibit, four men and

one woman. Four are American

David Herndon-White, 35, from Los Angeles, has had full guy in a bar within 30 minutes," blown Aids for three years and he says. "I guarantee it will not

black leather sofa in the corner of the vast room, underneath a sign: "Don't Be Scared. Please Touch." He wears a white robe "If you take the robe away, I'm sitting here with my disease," he

women tend to engage in conabout Aids at his first meeting with anyone. "I could walk out of here and pick up a girl or a

says, "and that really scares peo-

here will see a guy with Aids who looks quite normal and they will see that they should be thinking about sale sex more ofdoes not make an artistic ex-

perience, as Kave realises: "This . People are terrified. Men particular piece began when I saw a plaque in an art gallery tend not to come up close, aying 'Please Do Not Touch.' All the exhibits are in boxes or behind glass. I wanted to turn that on its head with a Please Touch exhibit. I immediately thought of a person with Aids.

pleasure of being hugged. So I thought maybe I can do some thing here.
"I'm 43 and I'm trying to

carve a career as an artist, and what I'm doing here is art. When Constable painted landscapes without people in, that wasn't considered art. This has a social message with a resonance that comes from the experience of interacting with a someone with Aids."

The new gallery is run by Jibbe Beane, who runs the Soho Arts Club, She intends it to be a venue for exhibitions, readings and performance art. "The Aids situation has to be addressed. blown Aids for three years and he says. "I guarantee it will not Once they are diagnosed, they she says, "and this is a beautisone of the exhibits on the occur to them to ask me about are stripped of that basic human ful and poetic way of doing it."

# Safe sex pays off with lower rates of

TOM WILKIE Science Editor

If artists think that Aids has fallen out of the public gaze, they may well be correct. Aids has, to some extent, fallen victim to the success of the Government's

health education programme. The much feared break-out of the disease from the highest risk groups into the general population has not happened - yet - with anything like the rapidity that so concerned policy makers in the mid-1980s. The Government's "Don't die of ignorance" campaign, much criticised at the time, does seem to have influenced sexual behaviour and to have helped slow the spread of infection with HIV, the virus responsible for

Other countries quailed at the idea of lecturing their people on safe sex and, as a result, Spain last year had four times as many new Aids cases as Britain; France had three times and Italy twice as many.

Even before the Government campaign, Britain's gay community - one of the most afflicted - had started adopting safer sex practices. Roughly a decade later, in 1994, what had appeared to be a relentlessly rising graph of Aids cases among homosexuals started to decline. Between 1995 and 1999, according to official figures from the Public Health Laboratory Service, "it is expected that new Aids cases in homo/bisex-

ual men may fall by 7 per cent". A decade is the approximate "latency" period from infection to the development of full blown Aids and so the change in the incidence was an oblique. epidemiological demonstration of the linkage between HIV infection and unsafe sex.

However, the incidence of Aids is continuing to rise in the heterosexual community and among intravenous drug users, according to the PHLS figures. Any complacency could in-

crease the spread of the disease, as the experience of Africa and south-east Asia demonstrates.

Globally, about 10,000 people become newly infected every day. More than 11 million Africans and about 4 million inhabitants of south-east Asia are infected with HIV. In the Third World the disease is largely spread by unprotected heterosexual intercourse.

But a significant number of people in Britain are dying from the disease. Some are gay men; some are intravenous drug users; some are haemophiliacs; and others have acquired the disease from heterosexual intercourse.

amenable to treatment with an-serting them into the cell's own tibiotics, such as penicillin, which attack and kill only bacteria. Early hopes that existing anti-viral drugs might prove efficacions against HIV have been dashed.

Vaccination to boost the body's inbuilt defences against microbial attack is the most efficient method of combating viral infections. But HIV is a "new" virus of a type that was previously little understood. It were fuelled in the US by prescarries its genetic material in the sure from lobby groups on beform of RNA rather than the half of the dying. In recent more usual DNA and it insinuates itself into the body's cells. search has switched to lower tricking them into converting profile work which recognises the viral genetic instructions out that humanity's struggle against

double helix strand of DNA. The cell's biochemical machinery is hijacked into becoming a factory for the production of more and more copies of HIV. But HIV has a further twist:

the cells that it infiltrates are those of the immune system the very ones that ought to be fighting off infections.

The early hopes of a quick fix times however, the focus of re-Viral diseases are not of RNA into DNA and then in- this killer will be a long haul.

# Abuse of God offends TV viewers

#### In an Abandoned Garden

By Han-Shan

My house is at the foot of the green cliff, My garden, a jumble of weeds I no longer bother to mow. New vines dangle in twisted strands Over old rocks rising steep and high
Monkeys make off with the mountain fruits,
The white heron crams his bill with fish from the pond,
While I, with a book or two of the immortals, Read under the trees - mumble, mumble.

Han-Shan's ode to an untended garden, translated here by Burton Watson, was written in China in the mid-7th century and is proof - if proof were ever needed - that gardens have always provoked indolence and action in equal measure. Han-Shan appears with Wilde, Tennyson, Swinburne, Clare and Hardy in a section "Ruined Gardens" in Everyman 's pocket Garden Poems (£9.99). Robert Louis Stevenson, Robert Frost and Edward Thomas appear under the more robust heading "Gardeners". The collection is selected and edited by John Hollander.

DAILY POEM

#### MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

Television broadcasters are not aware of the potential offence caused by "God", "Almighty", and "Jesus Christ" when they are used as swear words, the Broadcasting Standards Council warned yesterday. Publishing its annual survey,

the council said research showed viewers were upset by unjustified swear words, with 57 per cent arguing there was "too much" bad language on television. Bad language occurred in just under half prime-time pro-grammes on terrestrial television last year and four out of five programmes on monitored satellite stations, the BSC noted.

Particular offence was caused being offended and hurt". Dra-ruse of swear words before the ma, films and alternative comby use of swear words before the 9pm watershed. Lady Howe, who chairs the BSC, said: "We very much want to have discussions with the broadcasters about this so that we can explain to them and discuss together

just what is going on."
The council has identified the words "God", "Almighty",
"Jesus Christ", "Holy Mother",
"Christ" and "Heil" as potential bad language. "Maybe broadcasters don't realise the danger of offence that they cause," Lady Howe said.

Her deputy chairman, Lord Dubs, said although people of strong religious belief were a minority, "people are unhappy that this minority group is

edy programmes were singled out as frequent offenders.

The BSC warning follows an interview with the Men Behaving Badly actor Martin Clunes. in which he said he believed that in 10 years' time people would be saying the "F-word" on children's television. At the other end of the

spectrum, however, Mary Whitehouse, of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, has written to the Director of Public Prosecutions demanding that the BBC be charged over the use of a fourletter word in Dennis Potter's penultimate play Karaoke.
But Lord Dubs said context

and audience expectations were important. There are moments of high tension which are seen by audiences to justify the use of bad language." Whereas if a swear word suddenly appeared in a soap, people would be offended, he added.

The number of viewers surveyed who said there was too much violence on television fell from 66 per cent in 1994 to 57 per cent last year.

More than half of the 1,000 respondents (58 per cent) said there was the "right amount" of sexual activity on television. Last year around 21 per cent of programmes contained sex. □ Monitoring Report 1995 No 4: Broadcasting Standards Council; £10,

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Paddy Ashdown



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# Champion of the European dream

Paddy Ashdown has warned that the emergence of the Ross Perot-like Sir James Goldsmith was the latest sign of the "dangerous mess" British pol-itics found itself in.

As the billionaire businessman orchestrated the defiance of Tory Euro-sceptics in the Commons, the leader of the Liberal Democrats went on to the counter-attack by outlining to the Independent his vision of Britain's future role in

Despite opinion polls show-mg voters' apathy on the sub-ject, Mr Ashdown said, Sir James and his £20m would make Europe the central issue at the next general election. He warned all parties to be "well equipped for that", and admonished pro-European voices in British politics for being too slow to speak out and champion the pro-European

This problem had been compounded by the exclusion of the public from the debate about Europe. So far the discussion had been conducted in the "gilded palaces of Europe and in Commons mumbo-jumbo". Mr Ashdown said, and it was therefore scarcely surprising that "some rather ugly beasts were gathering at the edge of the campfire".

down told the Oxford Union last night, Sir James's emergence as a Ross Perot in the making was the latest sign yet of the dangerous "mess" in which British politics finds itself - a mess which he told his audience is nothing less than a crisis of democracy.

Mr Ashdown sees constitutional change as interconnected to the European debate and had clear messages for both the Tories and Labour. He also had the suggestion of giving the House of Commons the right to elect the Prime Minister, instead of leaving it in the hands of royal appointment.

The message for the Tories. as they prepare for their holy war against the Opposition's programme for constitutional change was that the British constitution was neither an inviolable "museum piece" nor so fragile that it would be collapsed by change.
Such struggles as the one for

women's votes were testament to that, he said. So too, though this was change "totally in the wrong direction", was the transformation of much of Britain into an "unelected quango state".

The message for Labour was: "For goodness sake get your act together. This is the best chance we have had probably had this century for modernising the British constitution . . . it is the precursor of all the things Labour

wants to do, and in a different way we want to achieve." Mr Ashdown had two distinct and related worries about Labour. The first was that Mr Blair's party has not yet grasped the importance of sys-

land; and he detects signs of Labour panic about Scottish devolution - over the tax raising powers of the Scottish parment, and over the so-called "West Lothian question" of Scottish MPs voting on English-only business. But the bigger worry still was

over proportional representa-tion. Mr Ashdown welcomed Mr Blair's successful fight to retain Labour's commitment to a referendum on PR, though he grumbled about the Labour leader's refusal to say which side he will be on. He will insist today that the

referendum is early on in the next Parliament. If Mr Blair does back the change then it must be at a time when the government is popular and not doomed to lose. And secondly the new system must be in place before the next election.

**Ashdown on Europe:** 'Rather ugly beasts are gathering at the campfire' Ashdown on the constitution: This is becoming an unelected quango state'

Ashdown on Labour: They must grasp that electoral reform is vital'

that constitutional reform has yet "entered the iron of its soul". He cites, using the poll tax as an example, of what a government with the support of 40 per cent of the population can get wrong.

There was also a lesson

from the poll tax of the need. for welfare reform, which he argued could only be achieved with parties sharing power. Pro-PR figures such as Robin Cook and Jeff Rooker understood that; but, he said, "the jury's out" on whether others, including Tony Blair, yet did.

The second worry is muddle over the mechanics. Mr Ashdown doesn't believe that Labour plans to remove the right of hereditary peers to vote is more than a "half bearted change" which will merely install the biggest quango in the

temic change to the functions On this point Mr Ashdown "Do you want the Tories to come back?" he asks Labour. But, says Mr Ashdown, if Labour wants the support of a the electoral system is absolutely vital.

Much of this was fairly familiar territory. But there was also an unfamiliar, far-reaching package of reform to be un-veiled next Monday which would remove the Queen's residual potential role in the case of a hung Parliament.

Supposing, for example, John Major's Tory party became the biggest single party but fails to command a majority. Does the Queen grant him a dissolution and a second election? Does she send for Tony Blair? He would replace this with a Commons vote.

There were complexities

who put successive proposals for a sustainable government to the Commons? Such a move would keep the monarch for-ever out of party politics.

The plan goes hand in hand with Mr Ashdown's idea for fixed-term Parliaments, topical now that the government was waiting for the best moment to call an election. Instead of snap elections we would have the "constructive vote of confidence" in which an Opposition only brought down a overnment in a vote of confidence if it could assemble an alternative by trading with oth-

er parties.
For Mr Ashdown constitutional reform was the way to restore "depth" to British politics. Here he was almost apocalyptic. He said he had seen Irish politics turn from a "deep politics" to a "narrow thin crust" which can be easily subverted by a few extremists. He feared the same here.

We were back to Sir James Goldsmith and the hardline, frightened Euro-sceptics. By reconnecting British politics to a world outside we "deepen" once again the political system. "If power is the skin on the custard; if it rests with a few people at the top then that power is easily subverted by a weak a passing group of people who tweak it by the tail." I asked Mr Ashdown

whether he now saw a paradoxthird party then the change to that whereas the Liberal Democrats once looked like a guarantee that a Labour government was safe, they were now guaranteeing the opposite: a road of sometimes daunting change. Mr Ashdown insisted his party was where it had al-

Left was a term he rejected; radical one he did not: "You might argue that Labour's job is to keep the government off balance and our job is to man out the programme for the next government.

He paused and then laughed as if appalled by his own boldness. But he does not resile from the judgement.

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# 1996: 37,000 under-5s die every day; many survivors are slaves

**JAMES ROBERTS** 

Get pregnant in the developing world, and your chances of dying or being disabled as a resul are one in four. If your child survives the pregnancy and labour, then he or she still has a one in ten chance of dying by the age of five. Survive all this and your child's chances of going on to join the world's army of child labourers are around one in ten in Asia and one in four in Africa.

These are just some of the facts of life and death described in two reports published this week: The Progress of Nations, Unicef's annual review of the welfare of the world's children, and Child Labour, a discussion document which the International Labour Office is putting before Labour ministers from 173 countries in Geneva today.

Global statistics of the kind quoted are necessarily impressionistic, broad brush-strokes rather than precise calculations. But research is continuous and so occasionally the broad figures have to be revised.

For some years, the generally accepted figure for maternal deaths has been half a million a year. But new research has prompted the United Nations Children's Fund to adjust this figure upwards to 585,000. As a result, and in view of the obvious fact that welfare of mother and infant are inseparable, the primary focus of the latest Unicef report is on what it calls this "unspoken tragedy".

Behind the cold figures lies horror. Perhaps 140,000 women die in their teens or twenties of internal haemorrhaging. Asia (50 per cent of all under-Around 75,000 die having atfives), as against 32 million (25 tempted an abortion - some per cent) in sub-Saharan Africa. 50,000 desperate women and This is partly a result of a whole girls try this every day. Most surmix of cultural attitudes and asvive, but with the legacy of sumptions in South Asia which some crippling disease. Another 75,000 die with brain and kidprevents mothers from being able to look after their children ney damage in the convulsions properly. Women are subordiof eclampsia, described by one survivor as the worst imaginable nated in most of the world, the report says, but in South Asia, the subordination is of a diffeeling in the world. ferent order altogether, with the

The report also examines mainutrition amongst children. It confounds those who assume that the record of Africa is the worst in the world. There are 86 million children under five who are malnourished in South but impossible for her to pro-



ibility: Rural poverty has created an environment in which children suffer to feed their families

vide high-quality child care if she herself is poor and oppressed, illiterate and uninformed, anaemic and unhealthy, has five or six other children, lives in a slum or shanty, has neither clean water nor safe sanitation, nor support from health services, nor her society, nor the father of her children." It is poverty, too, which en-

sures that 37,000 children un-

der five die every day, mostly

from five diseases for which we

quality of life of mother and long ago discovered cheap cures: measles, diarrhoea, malaria, pneumonia and mal-"However much a mother may love her children, it is all nutrition. "Children in rich

common, preventable diseases of childhood," says the Unicef report. "Children in poor

The crushing weight of poverty also adds to the pressure on families to send their children out to work at the earliest opportunity. "Poverty is the single greatest force which creates the flow of children into the workplace," says the ILO. "It forces many children to work full-time for their own and their families' survival."

The ILO has campaigned to end child labour since it was founded in 1919. And with 73 million children between 10

and 14 economically active in 1995 - 13.2 per cent of the total number of 10-14s - the campaign goes on. While Asian children make up about half of

slaves, sometimes as part of a

miserably exploited industrial

workforce - Africa comes out

One African child in three is engaged in economic activity. Most of these are working on the land, and it is hard work: a child can be made to run 15 miles each day, leading a team of animals up and down a pumping track to feed a herd from a well. It is the extremely

that helps explain why cities attract so many street children. The scale of migration is directly linked to the severity of working conditions in rural areas. Even after experiencing the horrors of life as one of the thousands of street children in,

say, Nairobi, children can still

prefer these conditions to those

in the rural areas.

E Child Labour. What is to be done? ILO, Vincent House, Vincent Square, London SW1P 2NB. The Progress of Nations. Unicef, 55 Lincolns Inn Fields,

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The Indian Prime Minister, Deve Gowds, nearly victory in a confidence motion vesterday even as retragging charges mounted against one of his government's pillars of political support. The first of two days of parliamentary debate on the motion was overshadowed by allegateds against forman prints of least the homeon in the motion of the support. against former prime minister Narasunha Rat's ruhm; Congress party. Congress has promised to give Mr Cameda's centre-left minority government the backing it needed to survive the vote of confidence expected today. The opposition sought to capitalise on a widening fertilise? import scandal and embarrass Mr Gowda's United Front alliance, which in recent elections campaigned against Congress over alleged corruption. Render - New Della

Bengladesh mounted a huge security operation for the Departy's second parliamentary elections in four manufes and pledged that everything possible had been done to ensure voting was clean. Bangladeshis believe much of their future depends on today's elections, whose success is seen as crucial if the country of 115 million people is to put a history of military rule and political chaos behind it. Thosps stationed in all 64 administrative districts and hig cities using on standby to help some 400,000 police and naramilitary. on standby to help some 400,000 police and paramilitary soldiers guarding polling stations. Reuter - Dhaka

future it chooses, Prime Minister Alain Juppe said on arriving in Canada's mainly French-speaking province, which has a strong separatist newement. After talks in Ottawa with Canadian Prime Minister, Jean Chretien, the French leader heiled what he milest fire called with canadian and the called with called what he milest he leader hailed what he called "the spirit of resistance" of the people of Quebec. "Whatever destiny you chouse, France will be at your side," Mr Juppe said. Renter - Quebec

Seven people were arrested near Cadiz charged with smuggling a ton of hashish into Spain. The detentions concluded a four-month investigation into how traffickers' boats from Morocco could clude armed patrols along Spain's southern coast. One of the arrested, policeman Antonio Martinez Perez, is accused of giving the traffickers details of Civil Guard patrols in exchange for montey. Hashish trafficking from Morocco has increased recently. despite a clampdown on fast launches hased in Gibraltar, prompting the authorities to suspect the growth of alternative networks. Elizabeth Nash - Madrid

Aids has become the main killer of men aged 25 to 49 in Copenhagen, outstripping heart disease and cancer and accounting for one in four deaths, the Danish Medical Journal reported yesterday. "This puts the Danish capital in the same league as the worst Aids-hit cities in the United States," the journal reported. Renter - Copenhagen

Belarussian anti-terrorist unit shot and killed a man who seized at least 15 children and their teacher hostage in the capital of Belarus. The man broke into the kindergarten in Minsk, the capital, claiming he had a bomb inside a suitcase he was carrying. The attacker ordered the children, aged four to five, and their teacher to line up against the wall, said another teacher who was in the room. The kidnapper was killed with two shots to the head after security agents determined he did have an explosive device inside his suitcase. AP - Minsk

Tugenlo Scaliari, founder of La Repubblica, won the Lischia International Prize for Journalism, Italy's most prestigious media award. Mr Scalfari, 72, retired as editor-inchief of the Italian daily this year, on the 20th anniversary of the newspaper. He continues to write editorials. AP - Rome

# Tearful Dole calls it quits in the Senate

obvious consequences for the

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

With some tears, a typically rambling speech, but not a little pride in a job well done, Bob Dole vesterday bade farewell to the Senate that has been his life for a quarter of a century but which has turned into an obstacle to the one job he wants even more, the presidency of the United States.

For a day drenched in history, it started normally enough, with Mr Dole the Republican Majority leader rising at 9.45am to speak about an amendment to trade legislation and a bill consolidating Medicare funding.

But just after noon, he rose to speak again. And when he finished this time, he truly had become just Citizen Dole, "with nowhere to go but the White House, or home".

"I want to thank all my colleagues ... " he began, only to stop abruptly, choking, as he paying tribute to family, friends, and staff, quoting Abraham Lincoln and Dwight Eisenhower, those Republican presidents from the Midwest he hopes to emulate.

Mr Dole's week of leave-tak-

ing here has had its hiccups, not least a defective sound system at the annual Senate-House Republican dinner on Monday, which turned some scheduled entertainment from Congressman Sonny Bono (he of Sonny and Cher fame) into an ordeal that had the audience fleeing for the exits. Yesterday was different

though - a morning in the finest gentleman's club in Washington, where everyone knew exactly how to behave. For two hours the tributes flowed from Republicans and Democrats alike, praising him for his courage, wit, grace under pressure and legislative skills. It was the Senate at its most

typical: unctuous, pompous and stood for the last time at the utterly forgiving, hiding parti-Majority leader's desk. But sanship beneath old-world man-Majority leader's desk. But sanship beneath old-world man-quickly he gathered himself, ners. "He will cast a long season", Mr Dole said, "and my

shadow as he goes," pro-nounced Robert Byrd of West Virginia, a Democratic Majority leader and himself one of Capitol Hill's most venerable monuments.

In reply, Mr Dole lapsed into that familiar fractured syntax to describe the institution he has served for 27 years.
"Twe had a great life, a few

bumps along the way ... A lot of different views here, like America, that's what America's all about. We are the envy of the world, we've lit liberty's torch here, that's what America's all about, a beacon of hope ... Our best tomorrows are yet to come," he said.

Thus ends a Congressional career of 35 years, including a record 11 years as Republican leader in the Senate, and no less than 12,781 roll-call votes (the electronic era has yet to reach the floor of the Senate), which if they took place consecutively would last day and night for four-and-a-half months.



path to the White House

season in the Senate is about to come to an end. However, this is far less the closing of one chapter than the opening of another".

When he finished, his colleagues gathered around him, applauding for a full 10 minutes until he left the chamber for ever. Sheila Frahm was sworn in as his successor.

Now the last and toughest battle begins. "Ad Astra Per Aspera," reads the Kansas state motto, "To the Stars Through Hard Times," and it could have been written for him. No Majority leader has, and only two sitting Senators - Warren Hard-ing and John F. Kennedy have been elected president this century, which is why Mr | the end of this year.

### Robinson seeks to redefine UN role

DAVID USBORNE

Mary Robinson, the Irish President, last night staunchly defended the record of the United Nations and appealed for a new commitment to its ideals by the world's governments. Her speech had the ring of a platform to launch her candidacy to become the organisation's next Secretary-General.

Mrs Robinson, who was speaking at a foreign affairs forum in New York, called for the development of a new "global ethic" or the "idea of community at the global level". That meant, she said: "improving, strengthening and developing the pre-eminent multilateral organisation - the United Na-

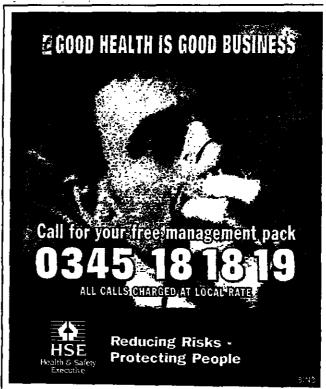
Her comments, which also included an appeal for increased aid to the developing world, seemed calculated to advertise herself as a possible successor to Boutros Boutros-Ghali, whose first five-year term as UN Secretary-General expires at Decrying the current financial

crisis that faces the UN and berating countries for allowing their support to it to wane, Mrs Robinson peppered her speech with criticisms that seemed aimed in particular at the United States. She begins a state visit to the US today.

Achieving the "global ethic". she said, would mean, in particular, new efforts to belp poorer nations gain prosperity through increased aid, "amounting perhaps to a mutual contractual relationship between donor and recipient rather than

a relationship of dependency". She was especially scatting of the inattention of governments to Africa. "Decision-makers in the developed world looking at the chaos and horror of a Liberia, a Somalia or a Rwanda, too often see only the 'heart of darkness' and think only how their own citizens can be safely evacuated.

"It is not acceptable for countries of the West, after centuries of interference and intrusion, to limit their involvement now to rapid armed intervention into situations of chaos to rescue





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# Syria painted as the villain of the Middle East

**ROBERT FISK** Beirut

In the Middle East, you can still find old maps which show Damascus as the capital of the Arab world, the bastion of Umayyad power. But just now, Syrians might be forgiven for believing that their neighbours are gang-ing up on President Hafez al-Assad's regime, in a deliberate attempt to isolate and even destabilise the country.
State Department claims that

bombs have exploded in Syria, Turkey's ever-broadening military alliance with Israel, Israeli threats to attack Syrian targets in Lebanon and Jordanian allegations that Syrian "terrorists" have been captured crossing the Syrian-Jordanian border all appear to be lining Syria up for political or even military attack.

Syrian reservists were sent to the country's northern border with Turkey at the height of Israel's assault on Lebanon last

Syria to attack PKK guerrillas. Syria maintains an unofficial alliance with the PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan, whose press conferences, held to announce new or broken ceasefires with Turkish forces, are almost always held in a region of the Lebanese Bekaa valley in which Syrian troops have firm control.

But Israel's agreement to upgrade 54 Turkish F-4 Phantom fighter-bombers and, even more important, Israel's newly acquired permission to fly its combat aircraft in Turkish air space, present a very clear military threat to Syria.

So clear, in fact, that even President Mubarak of Egypt, Israel's oldest peace partner, has condemned the Turkish-Israeli

A long-running dispute over Turkey's overuse of the waters of the Euphrates river and the far older irredentist claim April for fear that Turkish by Syria to the land around

forces might – with Israeli col-lusion – strike into northern Alexandretta which the French gave to Turkey just before the Second World War in the vain hope that Ankara would join the Allies in fighting Hitler) form deeper, but no less serious causes of dispute between the two nations. Ominously, the US State De-

partment spokesman, Nicholas Burns, bas now chosen to remind Syria that Washington is concerned about "terrorism directed against Turkey and coming from Syria." The Burns statement is almost identical to Israeli claims that Hizbollah "terrorism" against Israeli occupation troops in southern Lebanon is supported by Syria. Much to Syria's annoyance,

the United States has maintained Syria on its list of "countries supporting terrorism," a status that effectively deprives Damascus of economic aid and

US technology. Americans expressed their sup-

port for Turkey, another State its allies were trying to distract taging peace, characterising Mr Department spokesman volunworld attention away from the Assad as a "fading tyrant" and teered the information that the US Embassy in Damascus was warning American citizens in Syria to take precautions after several explosions" in the country. He gave no details of these incidents and his remarks were promptly denounced by the pro-Syrian Lebanese paper Ash-Sharq as "rumours ... which are intended to create in-

ternal tension and turmoil." Reports in Lebanon say that a number of minor explosions -"sound bombs" was how they were described - had been heard in Damascus but that they were so small as to be insignificant. One rumour, also denied by Syria, says that a car bomb was defused in the port of Lattakia.

The growing pressure on Syria almost precisely coincided with Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud election victory in Israel, On the same day that the prompting Syrians to question whether the United States and

collapse of the "peace process" by demonising Syria as the real culprit behind the failure of US-Israeli policy. A year ago, for example, US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, talking to students in Indiana, was describing President Assad as a "brilliant man" and "a fine convetsationalist" who had made "a strategic decision" for peace with Israel. Yet by last month, Mr Christopher had changed his tune. He was worried, he told the Los Angeles Times, by President Assad's "hesitancy and his mistrust" and feared that the Syrian president's "suspicion and fear" might prevent him making peace. No one questioned why Mr Christopher should have so

Since the Likud election win, US commentators have also

suddenly altered his opinion of

one of the most powerful Arab

as a man who welcomed the Likud victory because it would allow him to "keep" Lebanon at the expense of the Israeli-oc-cupied Golan Heights. All the evidence points to the contrary - that while Lebanon remains a strategic asset under Syrian control, the return of the Golan Heights to Syria in return for a full peace remains the be-all and

end-all of Syrian policy. Reading the Israeli press, meanwhile, with its open suggestions that Syrian targets inside Lebanon - or even inside Syria - should be attacked in response to further Hizbollah guerrilla attacks on Israeli troops inside Lebanon, shows just how far we have gone since last summer, when Shimon Peres was predicting a Syrian peace by the year's end with mutual security for both sides. Security, however, is the one thing Syria's enemies now seem anxious it should be deprived of.

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Russian elections: President's campaign aims to climax on high note as over-confidence threatens to snatch away victory

# Yeltsin rallies youth vote with rock and roll

PHIL REEVES Moscow

NIFICANT SHORTS

Boris Yeltsin's campaign bandwagon will clatter into Moscow's Red Square today for one of his most important closing flourishes, a rally to whip up enthusiasm among Russia's young people for Sun-

day's presidential election. The event coincides with a national holiday to mark Russia's declaration of independence six years ago, an occasion which Mr Yeltsin clearly aims to use as a platform to drum up fur-ther support in his effort to

Gennady Zyuganov.

If past performances are any guide, he will exploit it to the full. The organisers expect the president to appear on stage alongside several popular Russian rock bands. The audience will be bombarded with messages telling them to "choose or lose". Pictures will be broadcast nationwide on state television, which has come increasingly under the sway of the Kremlin as

the election approaches. The Independence Day gala

- which includes fireworks and

defeat his Communist rival, of how keen the Yeltsin cam- than 50 per cent has led to worpaign is to mobilise the young vote, which tends to be anti-Communist, "A large number of young people stayed home dur- at all. ing December's parliamentary elections," said Dimitry Tugarin, spokesman for the organisers. "We have to get them

out this time." Nor is this the Yeltsin team's only anxiety. There are signs that some presidential handlers think his campaign is overheating, not least because of his lead in the polls. Mr Yeltsin's boast that he will win the first

ries that voters will conclude he is assured of victory and opt for a third candidate - or not vote

In what may have been a move to dampen down over-optimism, Yakov Borovoy, press director at his campaign headquarters, yesterday produced figures predicting Mr Yeltsin would lose to Mr Zyuganov in the first round - with 26 per cent

to the Communists' 28 per cent.
This contradicts claims by Sergei Filatov, one of the top coteam, who expected to see Mr

sentment over market reforms Yeltsin with 30-35 per cent is strong. support by the end of this week. Moreover, there are several Mr Borovoy said his figures were based on nationwide sur-

other election day headaches. The first round coincides with revs. He also said the number of undecided voters had narthe Euro 96 football match berowed to a core of about 15 to tween Russia and Germany, which could easily lure voters 20 per cent of the electorate, dominated by poorly educated, away. And many city-dwelling Russians traditionally spend low-income, elderly women. the day working in the vegetable If Mr Yeltsin is beaten by Mr Zyuganov, it will alarm sup-porters in Russia and the West, gardens of their "dachas" country houses, where they can only vote if they apply for perbut it should be no surprise. The Communist-nationalist coalimission to do so. Mr Yeltsin's

campaign managers, who want

second, it will not be for want of trying to win. He was in the southern city of Novocherkassk vesterday, shrewdly reminding voters of the horrors of Communism by promising to build a monument to 23 people who

were shot by the Soviets for tak-

ing part in a demonstration over food shortages in 1962. Today's event is likely to be another flamboyant perfor-mance from the all-singing alldancing Mr Yeltsin - and a a high turnout, say that few have

But if Mr Yeltsin does come being dull, but these days it is truer to describe him as plain odd. Last Sunday he held a rally, featuring peels of (Orthodox) church bells, a parade of icons, and scantily clad majorettes, at which he launched into a passage from the Bible, comparing

Mr Yeltsin to Satan. "Let's remember what is in the Apocalypse," he said . "The Devil has sent two beasts from hell. The first has a mark on his head (a reference to Mikhail Gorbachev), and the second has contrast to Mr Zyuganov's a mark on his hand" - a referlast outing in Moscow. Mr
Zyuganov has been criticised for ing two fingers.

### marching bands - is a reminder round outright by getting more View from Vladimir could be the clincher

Vladimir, a provincial city where Julia, the daughter of an actor, was born and has so far spent all her 25 years.

Over the past few weeks I had heard a lot from young people about their attitude to politics, and in particular, the presidential election in just over a fortnight's time. But they were mostly Muscovites, the advocates and beneficiaries of reforms. What I wanted from Julia Smolnikov was to know what life was like for young people outside the lib-Northampton or Coventry?

Her grandfather had been a big wheel in the regional Communist party, a sincere Leninist who had declined to feather his nest so like many others in the nomenklatura. "People say money from him?', but we got nothing." She owns no car, and no property. When she goes on holiday this summer to Germany, she will travel on a \$60 (£40) coach ticket and then get a temporary job, to pay her way home. Her biggest treat is being able to buy music cassettes and eat chocolate.

Although it seems a peace-

Vladimir — We were sitting in the restaurant of an hotel in The Kremlin cannot afford to ignore the provincial vote, writes Phil Reeves

> time of year, her home city is not her mind whom to support without problems, beyond the usual alcohol epidemic. Every now and then, the mafia burn down a street kiosk - the principal street outlet for vodka, beer, sweets and newspapers for falling to pay protection money. But not long ago they murdered a businessman she knew. Ms Smolnikov carries a can of Mace in her handbag.

She lives alone in a room pro-

vided by her university, where eral-leaning cosmopolitan cen-tres of Moscow and St international relations. As her she works in the department of Petersburg. What was it like out monthly salary (\$80) is the here, in Russia's answer to price of dinner at a half-decent Moscow restaurant, this is all she can afford. This did not seem to bother her much. "I don't need all that much, and if I want more I can find ways of earning it." She works as a guide, a teacher, and a translator when the opportunity arises. "People have to take

responsibility for themselves." in the December elections, she didn't find time to vote. In the Vladimir region, some 180 miles east of Moscow, the Communists came first in the parliamentary election, followed by the ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky's party. This time, she intends to do go to the polls. ful place, full of greenery at this although she has yet to make up

She regards the vodka-loving Boris Yeltsin as "unpresidential", hates his "bad, uneducated" Russian, and fears a second term would bring a rerun of the Brezhnev years of stagnation. She knows some smart young, progressive Com-munists at the university but fears that Gennady Zyuganov's Communist-nationalist bloc contains too many extremists to be a desirable option. "I would rather have my freedom than

their cheap sausage." She was, she said, mulling over her choice. So are thousands of other young people around this vast nation. As more of them are more sympathetic to Mr Yeltsin than to Mr Zyuganov, their decision could be crucial to the Kremlin, which fears the young vote won't bother to turn out.

Thus, its campaign slogan "Vote or Lose"; thus, Mr Yeltsin's promise not to send conscripts to Chechnya and his announcement of higher student grants, and, thus, the spectacle of him dancing at a rock concert this week in the Urals city of Ufa. He knows people like Ms Smolnikov count. The question is whether they think



Boris Yeltsin listens to the complaints of a pensioner while on the campaign trail in Vorkuta, a mining town in north Russia Photograph: Reuter

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Grim choice: Workers at the debt-ridden Gdansk shipyard in Poland yesterday where 3,000 voted for a 48-hour

# US and Europe ignore Bosnia poll warning

A climate of fear and ruthless, clashing nationalism is ieopardising the chances of staging free and fair elections in Bosnia, ree and fair elections in Bosnia, according to an internal analysis by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). However, OSCE officials are expected to bow to US and European pressure and reluctantly declare that the electron that the contract of that the elections should go ahead by 14 September, as stipulated by last year's Dayton

The OSCE was charged under the Dayton accord with preparing elections intended to provide Bosnia with multinational, democratic institu-tions. However, the OSCE analysis indicates that, far from stitching Bosnia back together, the elections, if held as early as September, may consolidate the country's division into Muslim, Serb and Croat sectors.

Monitors of the elections believe the conditions for a free and fair contest will not be met, writes Tony Barber

tomorrow to review progress in implementing the Dayton terms. The US and major European powers are expected to propose a September election, with the OSCE fixing a precise

date later this month.

A summary of the OSCE study concludes that three vital conditions for free elections are not yet in place: a politically of movement, and freedom of association. Independent media are thin on the ground, espe-cially in the Serb and Croat areas, and it is impossible to phone between the Muslim-Croat federation and the Serbcontrolled Republika Srpska.

countries will meet in Florence that in the Serb, Croat and mainly Muslim areas, civic institutions, such as police, courts and local government structures are dominated by one nationalist party - respectively. the Serbian Democratic Party (SDS), Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) and Muslim-led Party of Democratic Action (SDA). It is especially critical of the HDZ, contending that "in Croat-controlled federation territory ... the ruling HDZ has effectively ensured that the climate of fear prevents the evolution of a political alternative".

According to the study, the borders between the Muslim-Croat federation and Republika Srpska have become more open since the war ended, but most Bosnians do not enjoy freedom of movement. The Serb, Croat and Muslim sectors have different vehicle number plates, which encourages police roadchecks, and the Bosnian Serbs have sabotaged United Nations efforts to set up bus ser-vices between the Muslim-Croat and Serb zones.

The OSCE analysis estimates that only a small proportion of Bosnia's 2.6 million refugees and displaced people have returned home to areas where they would be in an ethnic minority. Non-governmental ob-servers say this makes it unlikely fair elections can be held in areas from which large numbers of people have been expelled.

It also suggests that Bosnia's three-way partition along na-tional lines is steadily becoming a fact on the ground. This trend has been underlined since the end of the war by the movement of tens of thousands of Serbs out of Sarajevo, which is under Muslim-led government control, and their replacement by Muslim refugees who originally

complete Serb domination OSCE officials are known to be angry with the US and Furopean governments for maislropean government should go ahead in spite of the hkelihood that they will be seriously flawed. Some officials were shocked when Robert Frontek. the head of the OSCE's Besuian mission, appeared to cave m to US and European pressure by ordering his staff not to highlight negative desclopments in Bosnia in their reports.

Other senior international officials, such as Antonio Cassese, the Italian head of the UN war crimes tribunal, have also east doubt on the wisdom of



Holbrooke: Better to vote now than never at all

holding elections in September. He said that if the Bosnian Serb leaders, Radovan Karadzie and General Ratko Mladic, remained at large, free elections will not be possible in an environment polluted by war

But the US State Department spokesman, Nicholas Burns, said this week that the Dayton accords "do not say that the con-ditions [for the Bosnian elec-tions] have to be pristine or

Richard Holbrooke, the former US diplomat who brokered the Dayton peace, said that if elections were not held while Nato troops were stalived in areas such as eastern Bosnia which are now under tioned in Bosnia, they might never be held at all.

# New Balkan force 'should be 20,000 strong'

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

The tragility of civilian reconstruction in Bosnia is adding to pressure for the continued deployment of a substantial military force next year. The peace implementation force, I-For, is due to leave in December.

Yesterday, Labour's defence spokesman, Dr David Clark, said he believed Britain, which has 11,000 troops in Bosnia, should keep about 7,500 troops there next year.

Sources in Sarajevo said that a "significant" US ground force would need to be of a similar size. The "post-I-For", or "I-For Il" contingent, is likely to com-prise a US, a British and probably a French brigade, totalling about 20,000 troops, about a third of the current force.
Additional US troops and air support would be based in Hungary and Croatia.

Michael Walker, said in Saraevo yesterday that he also believed a continuing military presence would be necessary. There is going to have to be something around to show that

the international community is still determined to prevent the war from breaking out again", "So at some stage the inter-national community is going to have to allow a debate, which I suspect is going on behind

locked doors, to come out into the open".

Speaking in Washington, the
US Assistant Secretary of State
responsible for Bosnian policy, John Kornblum, said it was possible, even likely", that American troops would continue to have a role after the present I-For mandate expires

on 20 December. The leading participants in the force have refused to discuss publicly what will happen after that. But the remarks by Mr Korablum and General Walker make it clear that the force, almost certainly run by Nato, will have to stay to preserve peace because civilian reconstruction has been slower than

hoped... The comments from Sarajevo and Washington coincided with a report by the influential House of Commons Defence Committee, which also said a substantial contingent should re-main, including British and US

The committee's chairman Michael Colvin, said it had doubts about the plausibility of the elections scheduled for 14 September, because the infrastructure was in tatters, the election data was based on the 1991 census and 80 per cent of the Bosnian population, displaced by war, was now living in the wrong place.

The committee also noted that Bosnia has placed a strain on the British army's resources, and that "in the wide range of post-Cold War scenarios in which the armed forces might be needed, either a prolonged peace-keeping mission like I-For is too large a task, or the army is too small."
The House of Commons

Committee report concluded that while I-For's military tasks -the separation of the warring factions and the exchange of The British general com-manding the I-For ground forces, Lieutenant General Sir on the civil side is painfully large areas of territory - had

The consequences of a precipitate decision to with-draw I-For could be very serious. It is by no means impossible that the former warring factions will return to conflict. While not calling for an openended commitment, we believe that the countries participating in I-For should maintain a substantial peace-keeping force in Bosaia until more significant progress has been made in implementing the Dayton peace igreementÆ.

The civilian side is taking much longer to build up than we had hoped", an I-For officer in Sarajevo said yesterday, "We need to be here in strength well beyond the elections and until the elected authorities have extended their control,





# Warning If Russia turns back the clock, everyone loses On the contrary, Mr Zynganov and point where Mr Zynganov might use Mr Yettsin's abuse of media freedom to justify a crackdown on the Russia matter On the contrary, Mr Zynganov and prices and broadcasters if the Community to consolidate and estend democratic development in Russia matter On the contrary, Mr Zynganov and in Russia matter On the contrary, Mr Zynganov and in Russia matter On the contrary, Mr Zynganov and in Russia matter On the contrary, Mr Zynganov and in Russia matter On the contrary, Mr Zynganov and in Russia matter On the contrary, Mr Zynganov and in Russia matter On the contrary, Mr Zynganov and in Russia matter On the contrary, Mr Zynganov and in Russia matter On the contrary, Mr Zynganov and in Russia matter On the contrary, Mr Zynganov might use of media freedom to pushful second to find the second to the contrary of media freedom to pushful second to the contrary of media fr

the distance Russia has travelled in terms of political culture since the nightmarish experiment of Soviet utopianism. It ought to be a cause for celebration, for Russians and people in Western countries alike. Why, then, does a sense of foreboding hang over the presidential election?

The main reason is that to give peo-ple freedom of political choice does not guarantee that they will choose wisely. Consider France in 1848, when the introduction of universal suffrage resulted in the election as president of Louis Napoleon, who three years later launched a coup d'état, suppressed his opponents and turned himself into a dictatorial emperor. Or consider the way that Hitler forced his way to power partly by means of free elections in

Weimar Germany.

In today's Russia, there is every possibility that voters will turn to Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist challenger to President Boris Yeltsin. It will be a tragedy for Russia, and a serious setback to the West, if they do. Mr Zyuganov is not like the former Communists running Hungary or Poland, whose opportunis-tic transformation into Western European-style social democrats required a commitment to civil liberties and a free enterprise economy.

the centralised economy, the instinct to strike hard at domestic political oppo-nents, the pursuit of a Russian nationalist agenda cloaked in international-ist ideals. Should he defeat Mr Yeltsin in the expected second round run-off in early July, Mr Zyuganov would probably not return Russia to its blackest authoritarian past. But the fragile democratic institutions set up in the 1990s would almost certainly not be able to take the strain of a Communist presidency, and there is a serious risk that Russia's relations with the West would descend into confrontation.

As Western governments and most Russian liberals have recognised, the dangers associated with a Zyuganov presidency are so great that a Yeltsin victory is preferable. Yet a second term in office for Mr Yeltsin would bring its own problems, in Russia and outside. Neither in the West nor at home is Mr Yeltsin recognised any longer as the courageous crusader for democracy and human rights who did more than any other person to bring

down Communism in 1991. His record has been badly tainted by the brutal and unnecessary military crackdown in Chechnya. In many people's eyes, he was also wrong to blow up the Russian parliament in 1993 and introduce a constitution that hobbled

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the legislature and placed all effective power with the presidency - that is to say, himself. Since his first election victory in June 1991, Russia has evolved under Mr Yeltsin's leadership into a strange hybrid of democracy and autocracy. It has given ordinary Russians more freedom than perhaps at any time in their history, but it has also conferred too much power on unaccountable institutions such as the armed forces and the renamed but not so reformed KGB. Lack of proper legislative oversight has enabled sinister individuals in the presidential entourage, notably Mr Yeltsin's personal bodyguard, Alexan-

der Korzhakov, to acquire excessive influence.

Mr Yeltsin's campaign tactics are also open to criticism. By forcing Russia's central bank to hand over 5 trillion roubles (£600m) for the funding of his spending promises, the president has compromised the bank's independence - a fundamental feature of Russia's economic reform programme, on which co-operation with the International Monetary Fund and other Western institutions must depend. Mr Yeltsin's team has also succeeded in slanting television coverage of the election grossly in favour of the president, to the

In his foreign policy, Mr Yeltsin has fallen short of Western expectations. He has manipulated ethnic and territorial disputes and exerted Russian economic power to regain influence over many former Soviet republics. He has strenuously resisted Nato's enlargement, without showing much sensitivity to the craving for security that dominates the attitudes of central and eastern European countries.

Still, matters would probably be worse under Mr Zyuganov. The difficult but often constructive relationship that the West has with Mr Yeltsin's Russia would turn into something more tense with Mr Zyuganov in the Kremlin. The semi-democratic, semi-authoritarian Yeltsin-led state would lose many of its democratic features under a Zyuganov presidency.

However, if the West is right to hope

for a Yeltsin victory, it must also hope that there will be more progress during Mr Yeltsin's second term towards consolidating democratic institutions and making Russia a law-based state. Having suffered centuries of autocratic rule and 70 years of violence and intolerance under Communism, Russia cannot be expected to turn into a model democracy overnight. But Mr Yeltsin has,

The cause of freedom in Russia matters profoundly to all of us outside its borders, as well as within; if Russia fails, following this election, to strengthen and improve its nascent democracy, we will all suffer the consequences.

#### Paddy for PM?

Paddy Ashdown has been fantasis-ing (in the nicest possible way) about hung parliaments. What might happen if (joy of joys, so far as Paddy is concerned) Tony Blair or John Major have to sidle silkily up alongside the Lib Dems and solicit their coalition support?

Paddy's answer, in our interview with him today, is rather curious: why, he wonders, should the Queen get to choose the Prime Minister? Why not get the House of Commons to choose the new PM, on (presumably) a free vote? Well, just think for a minute, Paddy.

If the Commons is left to choose between Mr Major, Mr Blair and yours truly, it's a fair bet yours truly won't get a look in. But if the Queen had a free choice - well, now, she just might decide to favour a member of the officer class, mightn't she?

### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

#### Teachers are taught the wrong things

Sir: It was with little surprise that I read that trainee teachers have lower A-level grades than any other group of university students (10 June). Ten years ago, having completed a first and higher degree at university. I took a one-year postgraduate primary teaching course at a college of higher education.

a college of higher education.

The warning signs were there at interview: the course director asked why someone like me (ie with a higher degree) wanted to teach primary age children. The course was extremely disappointing:

Antellectually undemanding, lacking in academic rigour and failing to provide really high-quality guidance in the complex skills of teaching. Too much time was spent playing with maths equipment, singing nursery thymes and stapling pieces of paper neatly to walls and not enough on the really important things, such as how to address a class firmly and clearly, teach basic reading skills or deal with a disruptive child.

If this is what a one-year postgraduate course delivers then s it any wonder that anyone with high A-level grades looking for a challenging degree course is going to steer clear of a four-year BEd. the course that provides two-thirds of primary school teachers?

I suppose the real problem is that primary education is fundamentally regarded as glorified childminding, a nice little job for a woman earning a second income, rather than something which requires a lively, intelligent mind and a high level of organisational and management

PENNY McGEE Everereech, Somerset

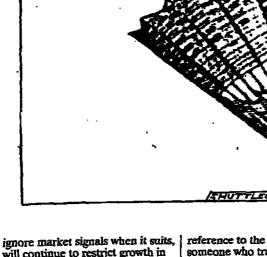
Sir: In your article on teacher training you refer to "popular subjects such as English, history and psychology." How is it that gargraphy always seems to get assed out of these not

infrequent lists? Last year, 1995, at GCSE level geography ranked seventh in the subject list of entrants with 295,220 candidates, 11.3 per cent up on 1994. History was next with 239 524, an increase of 5.33 per cent. In 1995 there was an increase of 10.3 per cent so geography is more than holding its own.

At A-level, geography had 43,426 entrants and ranked fifth as against history with 42,694 in sixth place. Sterile statistics do not make great headlines but there does seem to be a bit of a blind spot about modern geography, which has long left the capes, bays and gazetteer attitudes behind. Geography, even at school level, has entered the world of applied studies in landscape management, marketing, tourism, transport systems, concept mapping. IT and urban development and planning. GEOFFREY SHERLOCK

The Geographical Association Buckinghamshire

Sir: I am delighted by the younger generation and their choice of degree courses (report, 10 June). The "market" implemented by students shows a clear preference for traditional undergraduate degree subjects rather than those faithfund by those who govern us. The prestige among young persons of both humanities and social sciences is especially encouraging. No doubt the present swernment, with its propensity to



will continue to restrict growth in these disciplines through the system of student number funding. I M OLIVER

APPLE CORE

Sir. I was interested in your headline "Teaching trainees have worst A-levels" (10 June). It is a curious contradiction that we have a prime minister who is held up as an example of the meritocratic nature of our society precisely because he does not have a distinguished academic background. Can the Government please make up its mind which it regards as the most desirable?
JOHN CARTER E-mail: sojpdc@ssa.bris.ac.uk

Sir: The Prime Minister seeks to impose "a grammar school in every town". An inspiring slogan. More inspiring than "four secondary moderns in every town"; and yet the policy is one and the same. SIMON BRADLEY London SEI

#### Myths about the Germans

Sir. The opinion poll referred to in Will Bennett's article "Children vote Germany as 'most boring' (10 June) to shows a high level of ignorance of one of the most important states within the EU. To suggest that Germany is the most horing European state is a travesty

of the truth. Germany is, and always has been, a most stimulating European state but its historical and contemporary achievements have been overshadowed by constant

reference to the Nazi period. As someone who trained as a teacher of history in Scotland I found that the history curriculum was often heavily weighted against Germany in that we taught children that the Germans were a warlike people while little or no reference was

made to Germany's economic or cultural achievements.

Given the findings of the poll perhaps we should now be reviewing the school curriculum and reducing the amount of unintentional anti-German naterial taught to children. We should also give greater thought to the portrayal of Germany on television in this country.

Recent anti-European outpourings from British politicians, a band of recognised "Little Englanders", have had a definite anti-German tinge and this feeds into the minds of the children of this country. The public impression of the

Germans would seem to cling to apocryphal images of humourless Teutons who steal the best sunloungers at the swimming pool. This is a stereotype that requires urgent amelioration. Given the influence of Germany within the EU we can afford neither to ignore nor offend Germany.

country to improve the image of the Germans and of Germany. If our children hold such views of one of our closest allies and friends, what do their parents think? STUART PHILIP Department of Politics and International Relations University of Aberdeen

Much has to be done in this

#### Moral issues even in private

Sir: Peter Jay - with such certainty - identifies a moral boundary: consenting people's private behaviour cannot raise moral is (Letters 10 June). Well, that immediately rules out any moral qualms about abortion; and if we get together - in private - and torture the pet goat, why, that's no moral issue at all. Cops, silly me, perhaps my educational deficiency is coming out; I must take as read. I hope – that Jay's morally neutral behaviour excludes embracing

animal suffering. Still, if we got together - in private - and one of us, aged 16, in depression, consents to the rest killing her, or injecting addictive drugs, that raises no moral issue. Ah, wrong again, I trust (my moral illiteracy showing) for the Jay dictum must surely accept explanatory expansion over quite

what counts as consent. Reasoned consent in no doubt, animals excluded, a couple privately wallow in extramarital carnal delights, safely under Jay's moral neutrality assurance. Oops again! Even if spouses remain unaware of partners' infidelity, are we sure no harm is done, no moral issues raised

The moral is not that private consensual assisted death, adultery, abortion and so on are never morally justified, but that they raise moral issues. Beware moral simplicities - maybe even this one. PETER CAVE London EC1

#### Investment in electricity

vears prior to privatisation.

Sir. Diane Coyle's report (5 June) fails to recognise that capital investment by the privatised electricity companies is now 40 per cent higher compared with the five

Capital investment has become more efficient and responsive to need. Since 1990 the industry has spent almost £16bn on improving the infrastructure and supply service. This is £4.5bn more than in the previous five years. In addition is the contribution from the independent generating companies Nine major power stations have been developed since 1990 at a cost approaching £3bn with an additional two to be commissioned by the end of 1996 costing £560m.

The expenditure on Sizewell B and the creation of cleaner, combined-cycle gas-turbine power stations, and the associated transmission network, accounted for a peak in investment spending between 1991 and 1993. At the same time, customer service levels have improved while prices have fallen. The total saving on bills between 1992 and 1995 amounts to £2.5bn.

The electricity companies have not broken sell-off "pledges". The government assurance was that companies would be able to spend more on improving their services to customers. This the electricity industry has certainly achieved. PHILIP DAUBENEY Chief Executive The Electricity Association London SW1

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#### Parallel currency for Europe

Sir: In your leading article on "Britam and Europe" (3 June) you say that "the single currency cannot be run without a single European economic policy alongside it. Monetary policy and fiscal policy cannot be disentangled." With the current concept of a

single Euro-currency as the only currency that would be legal tender in any EU member state your view is bard to challenge and has drawn support in your letters pages although it seems mainly from Labour MPs who perhaps see preserving all the prerogatives of state spending as more central to their political philosophy. If we accept this concern over who has control of national fiscal

policies whilst at the same time believing that there would be some virtues in a common currency (as would most European businessmen who operate in more than one member state) perhaps the pro-Europeans should work up a proposal for a parallel common currency.

Such a parallel currency would have a status not dissimilar to gold in previous centuries as being an elective medium of trade. It would need to be freely exchangeable against all major EU and EU trading partner currencies. With echoes of some of the practices of foreign companies coping with hyperinflation in South America, businesses would be free to choose local or common currency for their pricing, payroll, dividends, bank deposits and the presentation of their accounts. Individuals would be able to have local and/or common currency bank accounts.

A parallel common currency sidesteps a sterile win/lose debate and has the advantage of increasing the democratic choices available to the peoples of the EU. It cannot be a bad thing if, at least in one aspect of our lives, our politicians will have to bid for our allegiance not once every five years, but every day. JOHN BERRIMAN Reading, Berkshire

#### Bestseller

HEATH

Flying in the face

Sir: I suppose the thoughts that can be inspired by watching a fly

buzzing around a room depend on

the intellectual powers of the observer (letter, 7 June). A certain M Descartes, while musing on the

movements of such a fly, realised

that its position in space could be

perpendicular lines emanating

reference to three mutually

DAVID MILLER

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Worthing, West Sussex

uniquely determined at any time by

from any corner of the room, and so invented cartesian co-ordinates.

Sir. The energy expended by the fly is relative to its size and weight. In

the five minutes Mr Webster has

wasted watching it he might have

run a mile or mown a small lawn.

Ever seen a fly mowing a lawn?

Wrong numbers

Sir: One thing that grates with me

is your lottery numbers column each Wednesday. The success of the lottery is, to a large part, due to

the low level of numeracy in this country combined with the failure

of people to understand fully the

A random number is one that is

not predictable. Previous numbers

have absolutely no effect on future

numbers. Your column promotes

the opposite view. A serious

and educating its readers not

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perpetuating myths.

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Sir: I read Jack O'Sullivan's "Irving and Sereny go to war" (6 June) and I have to take issue with David Irving's comment, "I was told the shop wouldn't be taking it because Gitta Sereny's book on Albert Speer did so badly, which surprised me because I thought it had done well." I can put on record that Albert

Speer, His Baule with Truth was a estseller in every market we published it, both nationally and internationally. Its success has encouraged Waterstone's to pick our new paperback of it as their Book of the Month for August. This is the premier slot for any book published in that time. This adds to the hard-cover success of this internationally acclaimed work. PETER STRAUS Editor-in-Chief Macmillan Publishers Ltd London SWI

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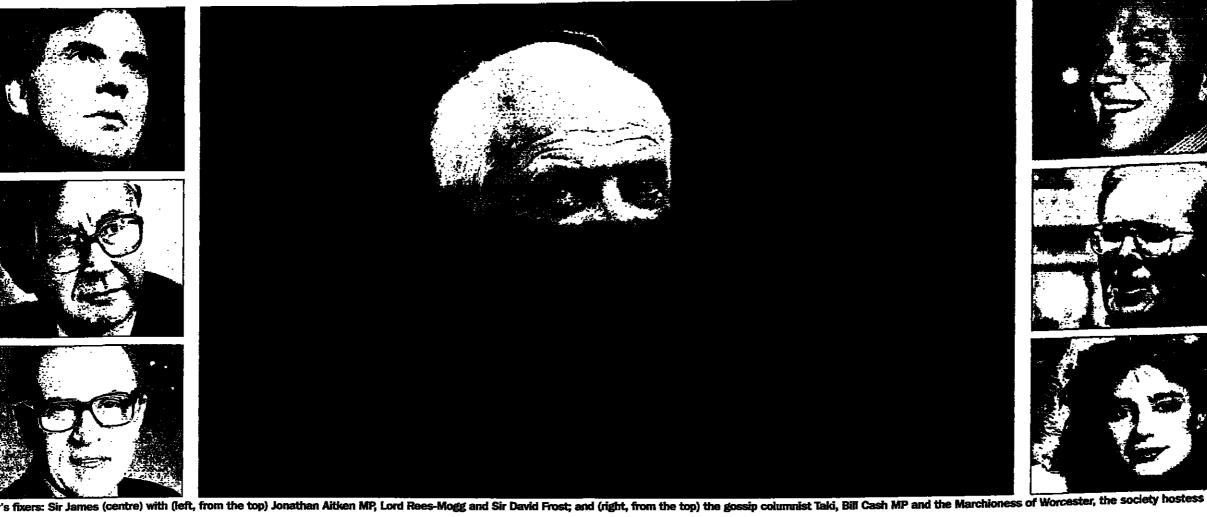
Sir: Ken Welshy has missed the main reason why joined-up writing is still taught in schools (Letters, 6 June). Most personal financial transactions still require signatures. Block writing is very

easy to copy, while every person does joined up writing in a different style. That is why signatures are so hard to forge. GAVIN BOOTH St Soviour, Jersey















# Inside the court of Sir James The

The Anglo-French billionaire Sir James Goldsmith is an outsider with ways of exerting influence on the British Establishment. John Rentoul looks at his high-powered circle of friends

has the Conservative Party on the run. He was never a member of the Establishment. but he has invaded it by force of will and overwhelming wealth, and is now dictating terms to the oldest political party in the world.

The story of how this Anglo-French tax exile has managed to push his way into public life reveals much about the anatomy of power in Britain.

The first explanation, most obviously, is money. For a man who is said to have made £800m in one deal, the sort of sums spent on politics in Britain hardly ring his register. He has let it be known that he is pre-pared to spend £20m on his single-issue campaign for a referendum on Europe between now and the general election. That puts the Referendum Party, of which he is founder, leader and ideologist, on the same sort of footing as the Tory and Labour parties - and neavily outspendi Democrats.

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Tory peer and former deputy party chairman, warns his friends: "James Goldsmith is a billionaire and he doesn't give

Sir James has also found a big issue: Europe. The reasons why he is bothered about Europe are not the usual ones, and his train of logic is sometimes difficult to follow. The root of his obsession is his concern about the effects of global capitalism.

As a supremely successful global capitalist himself, Sir James knows what he is talking about. It might be said that he is so keen to preserve national identity that he has two of them: French and British. He certainly has little in common with the veoman English patriots who form the backbone of Bill Cash's troops on the Tory backbenches. Sir James has two houses in Britain, one in Paris and a hacienda in Mexico. He is a member of the European Parliament for a French constituency and is father-in-politics. law to Imran Khan, who may or may not want to be

Europe will find themselves competing with the very lowestwage countries. And his answer to that means dismantling the European Union and creating a different kind of trading block, protected from compe-

tition in world markets. The first part of that programme is enough to excite the Euro-sceptics, and Sir James is canny enough to focus on one thing at a time - a referendum on the terms of Britain's mem-

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bership of the EU is an issue that can unite the largest coalition of support and cause maximum creative chaos in British

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thought she understood the free market and because she was not the Tory establishment.

In the Seventies, Goldsmith, along with Lord Hanson, Gordon White and Jim Slater, stalked the City, making money, going to the same clubs and being seen with the same glamorous women.

Most of his friends are outsiders in some way, but they all have money. Jacob Rothschild and Mark Weinburg are mem-bers of the City establishment, although Kerry Packer, the Australian former media magnate, and John Aspinall, the zoologist and casino owner,

are flamboyant mavericks.

"You could; imagine the plans for the Referendum Party being hatched in the back room of Aspinall's casino, "says one observer. It is the sort of grand and bizarre scheme that rich men would enjoy plotting. Sir James Goldsmith's salon

reflects his varied interests and has elevated green talkingshops from squats and coffee bars to the grounds of her vast Gloucestershire estate. Known in environmental circles as plain Tracy Worcester, the Marchioness has long been a close friend of Sir James.

At her London townhouse, Cabinet ministers and Whitehall mandarins have tea with green activists. Guests have included Sir James and his brother Teddy, along with William Waldegrave and Brian Mawhinney, Charles Secret, of Friends of the Earth, and Sir Crispin Tickell, former ambassador to the UN and chairman of Earthwatch Europe.

Prior to the Referendum Party, Sir James was a passionate ecologist. His financial assistance to the Ecological Foundation kept it affoat in the early Seventies and helped Teddy to found the Ecologist Magazine. In 1976, he was awarded a knighthood for

"services to export and ecology". One of his closest friends is John Aspinall. The pair met in 1949 while Aspinall was at Oxford. Later, they became partners in the Aspinall gaming clubs, which help to pay the £4m a year cost of running

Aspinall's zoos in Kent. Geoffrey Wansell, Goldsmith's biographer, recalls that Aspinali was a flamboyant Oxford undergraduate, who organised gambling parties.

"One of the regular players at Aspinall's tables was Teddy

Goldsmith, and it was only to be expected that he would bring along his younger brother Jimmy," he recalls. Then aged 16, young Jimmy made an impression on the table of gamblers by losing almost £4,000, and media figures

says Wansell Central to Goldsmith's circle of influence is his personal spin doctor, Patrick Robertson. At the age of 27, the founder of the ill-fated Bruges Group has influences. A key figure is the Marchioness of Worcester. a already made a name for himself in right-wing circles. He has the Referendum Party, a role he denies. "I do not work for the Referendum Party, but for now editor of the Spectator. Sir James Goldsmith personally," he said yesterday.

Other central figures in the Referendum Party include Judith Duckworth, a former Conservative Party agent who has recently been advising the New Democratic Party in Romania. Cheque-signing is the prerogative of Charles Filmer, a director of one of Goldsmith's companies and of the Referendum Party Ltd. Another great friend is Jacob Rothschild, the investment banker who also chairs the National Heritage Memorial

In 1984, Rothschild, Goldsmith and the Australian tycoon Kerry Packer formed a consortium to attempt to take over the St Regis Corporation, remaining close confidents ever since. Rothschild has said ico home for a holiday over of Goldsmith: "Jimmy is com- Easter just before Sir James

pletely international ... People aren't used to dealing with someone who is as independent and outspoken as he is. He doesn't compromise, he doesn't suck up, he isn't accommodating to the second-rate, and he doesn't like people who are hide-bound, or do nothing of interest

And then he has access to the next part of the "amplification machine" - the media. He is on close personal terms with

#### He is on close personal terms with important

important media figures, especially – but not exclusively – in the Euro-sceptic right-wing press. There is a Now magazine diaspora of journalists who worked on Goldsmith's failed its brief life in the early Eighties, including Frank Johnson,

Sir James's party invitation lists include Conrad Black, proprietor of the Telegraph, Nigel Dempster, who used to live close to his Richmond mansion, and William Rees-Mogg, the former editor of the Times. Lord Rees-Mogg once wrote

admiringly: "Over the years I have become an experienced observer of charisma; the best indicator is the way in which the public approaches the candidate ... People were coming up to Jimmy Goldsmith in just this way. It was like observing Margaret Thatcher at a Conservative Party conference, or Ronald Reagan in the Republican primaries of 1980."

Sir David Frost's status as a member of the inner circle was also confirmed when he joined Sir James at his palatial Mex-

appeared on his programme. The honour of an invitation to Mexico has also been extended to Sir Charles Powell, Margaret Thatcher's political secretary. Sir Charles and his wife, Lady Carla, attended both of Sir James's recent big social events – the party at the Ritz

two years ago to celebrate his election as a Euro-MP and his wife's 60th birthday, also attended by the Princess of Wales, and the wedding of his daughter Jemima, Diana's

Although Sir James holds unconventional economic views - he is closer to fellow billionaire-politician Ross Perot in opposing free trade and advocating protection - his social connections with right-wing business people intersect with the Thatcherites' anti-Europeanism.

Sir James's social connections with right-wing Tories were advertised by his invitation to the gracious Georgian home of the former Cabinet minister Jonathan Aitken in Lord North Street on Monua

Sir James apparently only made one comment in the debate on a presentation by Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, on the question of whether Britain should pull out of the EU. But he was there, in a private discussion group which included Government The Goldsmith-Thatcherite

network was pulled together in the European Foundation, the anti-Maastricht think-tank chaired by Bill Cash and supported by "substantial" donations from Sir James. On its advisory board sit Lord McAlpine, the former Tory treasurer who regards Baroness Thatcher as so betrayed that the party might benefit from a spell in opposition; Robin Harris, of Lady Thatcher's policy unit and drafter of her memoirs; and Iain Duncan-Smith, a Euro-sceptic MP close to John Redwood.

The final reason why Sir James has such a hold on the Tory party is obvious - that the Government is massively unpopular. MPs may say they do not believe opinion polls but you can be sure that the 175 who would lose their seats on present poll ratings are worried.

They take very seriously anything that could reduce their vote at the general election, and Sir James's threat to stand candidates against any MP who is not committed to his idea of a referendum - not just one on a single European currency - is one of the few things they could do something above. Sir James insists that B.S.

initiative is neither left-wing nor right-wing, and it is true that some of his analysis of the evils of globalisation chimes better with the Labour Party's themes. But Labour MPs and candidates do not have to pay attention: they are winning. And besides, the Euro-sceptic theme is more likely to play with disillusioned Tory voters than old-style Labour anti-mai keteers. Sir James's candidates only need to win 1.5 per cent of the vote to deprive the Tories of 12 seats.

Sir James may only be playing at politics, but he has the money, the issue and the connections to be a serious player. Some regard his views as dangerous. He certainly lacks neither opinions nor the language in which to express them. In his book The Trap he warned of the consequences of global free trade causing social divisions "deeper than anything ever envisaged by Marx". More recently he described the Government's signing of the Maastricht treaty as "tantamount to

Others take a different view, One Tory MP said yesterday: "He pricks our consciences and shows our intellectual inadequacy."

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# What's Auntie got up her sleeve?

ello. People seem very unclear about what Mr John Birt's new reforms at the BBC mean, writes Ralph Treadmill, the BBC's new Deputy Con-troller of Logic, so let me try to explain very simply.
First, let me clear up one

misunderstanding. John Birt is not the same person as John Bird! John Birt is the Director-General of the BBC and John Bird is a small, plump actor who looks nothing like him at all! ( You may be thinking of John Fortune, John Bird's partner, a tall, thin man with a convincing line in plausible gobblede-gook. He might well be mistaken for John Birt.)

Right. Now, what are we trying to do with these reforms? Well, basically, we are continuing the marketdriven reforms that we have already initiated. Now, what are the market-driven reforms we have already initiated and which we are hoping to continue with these

new reforms? Well, our policy under this new Birtian revolution has been to locate our areas of excellence and then to sell them off. This means that wherever we have found something or someone that works really well, we have closed it down or sold it off so that we can hire them or it back privately at much greater expense.

One example might be the Christchurch studio in Bris-

tol, which we had expensively restored and equipped as one of the finest drama radio studios anywhere in the world. Once we had got it up and running, we transferred the drama department to Birmingham and closed Christchurch down. Actions like this were repeated all over the country. People were put in charge of whole regions whose sole function and sole talent was to fire people, make them go independent and hire themselves back to the BBC.

One name we thought of



Miles Kington

for this was "producer choice". This was a way of saying that the preferred choice was no longer available and the producer would have to think of something else.

In the short term this is, of course, more expensive. But in the long term it is more expensive, too. Thus we see a symmetry in our plans and we also can justify asking for more money. This is especially necessary ever since we found that Radio 4 was overspent by millions of pounds. And do you know why this was? It was because they forgot at Radio 4 to budget for all the stuff going out on Long Wavel So suddenly they had a shortfall of millions of pounds! I don't know why we keep saying that the BBC is saving money under John Birt when we are haemorrhaging this sort of cash!

I am not sure Ralph is explain-

ing himself very well, writes Oscar Dunning, the BBC's new head of Apologia Presentation. What he meant to say, I am sure, is that in the new age ushered in by digital broadcasting, we have to move with the times and streamline things. That means merging radio and TV. That means merging News and Current Affairs and Light Entertainment. That means ending up with one vast department called TV and Radio News and Comedy, run by Matthew Bannister, which will put out all the programmes.

We are already moving in this direction. Have I Got News For You? is newsy AND

Jeremy Paxman has high entertainment value and lit-

tle news Now, I know that people have got their doubts about the merging of radio and TV. They say that radio and TV are two very different animals with different methods. They say that Radio 4 is streets ahead of BBC 2. I have very great respect for this view. That is why we are ignoring it with such a show of crocodile tears. The plain fact is that radio comes up with all the good ideas that later get turned into TV programmes. so by merging them we can get those ideas sooner!

I don't think Oscar is quite sticking to the market-driven agenda, writes Veronica Longstaff, the BBC's new Head of Management de Internal Memos, so let me put it a little differently. Programmes are all very well in their own way, but ... The debate continues ...

Medical advances have reduced the numbers of disabled children. But when they fail, should the NHS pay up?

hristina O'Sullivan has a three-year-old son with spina bifida. Like a rapidly growing number of people she is suing the NHS for what used to be regarded as an accident of nature. She has just filed a suit accusing her hospital, Northwick Park in London, of failing to detect his abnormality in an ultrasound test during her pregnancy. Her son will be handicapped

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for life and unable to walk. This raises a great many difficult issues. One response has been an objection to her apparently contra-dictory state of mind. She says she loves him dearly but "would rather have had an abortion than see him the way he is". A number of observers, especially those who are against abortion and some disabledrights activists, protest that you can-not both love and value a person and wish they had never been born. They talk in terms of "genocide" of the less than perfect.

But Christina's case rests on the time when she was given the ultrasound test and her son did not exist as a person to be loved, only as a potential person. At that stage, she says, had she been faced with the agonising news, she would have made the decision to about - but that does not devalue her protective love for her child now he is born.

Most mothers confronted with

Litigation is the wrong medicine abnormal choose to have it aborted.

Most mothers faced with the unexdition could have been diagnosed

pected birth of a handicapped child love it as much as any other. However, the chance to know whether a foetus may be badly disabled is one of the greatest blessings of modern medicine. After all, the knowledge is optional - women can chose not

The official figures tell the story: in 1982, 1,016 babies were born with severe abnormalities of the central nervous system: spina bifida, anencephaly, or hydrocephalus. That represented 16.1 per 10,000 births. Ten years later, the number of babies born with these devastating conditions had dropped to one quarter of that number, just 4.6 per 19,000 births, mainly because to choose the choice of the choice gave women the chance to chose

But all too quickly modern miracles, such as ante-natal screening, turn into "rights" and patients who fail to get as much benefit out of them as they feel they should turn litigious. Where once Christina O'Sullivan would have accepted her

from the ultrasound test she had, but it was not detected. She feels entitled to sue Northwick Park because she is a single mother who needs the money to care for him.

She is not the first - there have been a chutch of such cases. The hospital's lawyers say that most have failed, though some parents have won substantial damages. Legally these cases turn on an odd point of law. If a child has cerebral palsy because of the negligence of a doctor's chansy delivery at the birth, then the child can sue for its pain, suffering and loss of amenity. But in screening cases, the child cannot sue because it cannot argue in court that it should never have been born. Instead, its parents sue for the cost of bringing up the child, which will be considerably less than the huge sums sometimes paid out for cerebral palsy caused by negligence. The relatively new art of ante-

natal testing has given rise to a plethora of litigation. Perversely, the more expert the doctors become



The more expert the doctors become, the more vulnerable they are to lawsuits

vulnerable they are to law suits when they fail – although nearly every medical test will give some false negative or false positive results. Take Carol Anderson, for example. She claims she was told after an ultrasound scan that her child had severe water on the brain, or hydro-Most mothers confronted with fate as horrible bad luck, now she and the better they become at cephaly. "When I was 17 weeks news that their baby will be severely has found someone to blame. The detecting abnormalities, the more pregnant, they strongly advised me

to terminate," she says, "But I more horrified by the idea of abort-wouldn't. I am a Catholic and I am ing a healthy child, while others will against abortion. I went through my pregnancy believing I was carrying a badly handicapped baby, but when she was born she was perfect. If I had listened to what they said, she wouldn't be here now." So she started proceedings against the hospital. What for? "For the stress

I suffered," she says.
Then there are the tragic cases of women told they are carrying a handicapped child, who go through with the abortion only to find that the child was, in fact, healthy. A high-profile case last month involved a baby who lived for 45 minutes after it was aborted following tests indi-cating it was abnormal. The pathol-ogist told the coroner that the child was normal, so recorded a new verdict: death by legal termination.

In another case, Karen and Mark Southwell are suing the Princess Anne Hospital in Southampton for advising them to abort a foetus they now believe would have turned out to be healthy. (The hospital, as is often the case, claims the baby would have been born severely abnormal.) Some people will be

ing a healthy child, while others will regard having an unwanted handi-capped child as far worse. Either way, getting the wrong answer causes terrible grief. However, the total sum of suffering was far worse in the days before ultrasound was invented.

So how accurate are these antenatal screening programmes? Dr Henry Irving, president of the British Medical Ultrasound Society, gives the rather startling reply that no one knows; there are no national figures. Various surveys have been carried out by some regions on their own results, but there is no national benchmark for accuracy. Nor is there any nationally agreed method of testing - some areas still use AFP blood tests, others only use ultrasound. Some hospitals have excellent new equipment, while

others do not. Doctors, says Dr Irving, will always tell patients what they consider the risk of abnormality to be: They may say they think that there is a 50-50 chance, or a virtually 100 per cent chance, but they will base it on their own local experience, in their own local experience,

using their own equipment, not on any national rating." This may come as something of a shock to those who imagine they are part of a national screening system.

But the most difficult aspect of Christina O'Sullivan's case concerns her attitude towards the NHS. Increasingly patients seek someone to blame, knowing they may win substantial damages, dazzled by headlines about hig pay-outs - though only 12 per cent of cases actually succeed. Even so, the NHS is paying out vast, escalating sums - and ambu-lance-chasing lawyers are making millions out of legal-aid cases, tout-ing for business with posters in hos-

pital emergency rooms asking: "Do you have a claim?" In the lottery of life, some patients can clean up, and others can't. The law multiplies nature's own injustice. The family of a child suffering from cerebral palsy may do very well, while a child living next door with identical needs but no one to blame may get nothing. As a way of paying state money to care for disabled children, it makes no sense. If Christina O'Sullivan gets a large

sum, what general good does that serve? The law may keep the NHS on its toes, but the culture of litiga-tion drains its resources, makes doctors practice defensive medicine

# The world's favourite cartel

An alliance between British Airways and American Airlines would increase prices and reduce services, says Richard Branson

to "liberate" airline travel around the world, and across the Atlantic in particular. After the demise of Laker Airlines in 1982 - at the hands of a cartel led by British Airways and with the contivance of American and European carriers - along came Virgin. Since 1984 we have fought tigerishly to get into every market across the Atlantic and offer the consumer a better deal. The result? Fares on all the routes on which we fly are lower and the quality of service has risen, often dramatically. It is hard to believe that any national gov-

emment would want to throw all that away. Yet all this is at risk. Both the UK and US governments are considering allowing the world's two most powerful airlines to forge an alliance that would give them a 100 per cent market share on two monopolists could possibly be considered. But we hear that the trade-off for creating UK/US routes. In no

other industry in the capitalist world would the creation of such a monopolistic alliance be tolerated.

What will the result be? Fares will rise and the quality of service for passengers will fall. Instead of "open skies"

- the professed policy on both sides of the Atlantic - the two governments will have presided over the creation of the Aeroflot of the capitalist West.

Of course, any proposed alliance between BA and American Airlines will require anti-trust immunity from the US authorities. This would be the American equivalent of banning the Monopolies and Mergers Commission from investigating the activities of the two companies. As the MMC is already barred from looking into BA (British airlines and sugar beet production are the only two industries so exempt) this would mean that the most powerful cartel in aviation history would be given carte blanche to behave as it wants in the marketplace.

The hypocrisy of it all will not be lost on those

recalling the words of Robert Ayling, BA's chief executive, as he outlined his objections - yes, objections - to plans by Lufthansa and United Airlines for a similar sharing arrangement in March, "What Lufthansa want to do is to reduce the level of competition by relaxing the

or the past 16 years Britain and the United States have professed to want bis objection is that Lufthansa and United flew less than 14 per cent of all scheduled flights between the whole of Europe and the US, whereas BA and AA, who now propose a far more extensive link-up, last year flew more than 60 per cent of all British flights and 30 per cent of all European flights to America.

The nub of the deal between the two airlines is what the industry calls "code-sharing". This is where one operator can sell tickets on another's flights, allowing an airline to sell tickets on routes on which it does not operate. This practice has been condemned as "profoundly anti-competitive". By whom? Robert Crandall, American's chairman, who claims that they none the less have

Aeroflot Mark 2 is going to be "open skies to Heathrow"; in other words, letting all US carriers into this busiest of airports. But anyone who knows how Heathrow works knows that despite this quid pro quo the BA/AA duopoly will still control

most of the slots for take-offs and landings. "Open skies" then becomes just an empty slogan. The brutal and sad fact is that trying to get

into Heathrow - as Virgin knows to its cost means a wearying wait. It was in 1992 that we first applied for slots to Johannesburg. Four years later, we have just been awarded three openings for the coming winter. And Virgin has also applied for many other routes (including the Heathrow to Chicago route, where BA and AA have a 94 per cent share!) only to be rejected. Not only is Heathrow full, but it also operates a system of "grandfather" rights, where those that were first in enjoy the greatest access irrespective of their merit.

The market power of the duopolists will be enormous. They will control the crucial feeder services of almost every transatlantic route and thus be able to inflict unfair influence on consumer choice by manipulating commissions

paid to travel agents.

British Airways and American Airlines aiready



Close formation: the two most powerful airlines want to form an alliance, but it could create a capitalist version of an Aeroflot-style state monopoly

enjoy huge monopolistic advantages; this deal will just increase those advantages at the cost of real and meaningful competition.

The implications of the deal are so vast they must be subject to a wide-ranging public debate. The competition authorities (such as they exist) and the Civil Aviation Anthority should be called on to examine the alliance in detail and publish their findings. Above all, the criterion for judg-ing whether or not to approve the deal should be solely what is best for the travelling public, not the shareholders of these two giants.

It is well known that Virgin and BA have had strong differences in the past, to put it mildly. But that is not what is at stake here. This is not sour grapes; it is not about Virgin. The issue is the competitive future of air travel. If nothing is done,

if this unholy alliance is allowed, then there will not be more competition, there will not be lower fares. Instead, we will see a return to the grim old days of cartels and monopolies; what the past chairman of the CAA Christopher Chattaway described as the "culture of collusion".

Airlines such as British Airways did not achieve what they have by providing low fares and high-quality services. Just remember how awful they used to be until forced to compete! If the public had woken up to hear that BA and Virgin had merged, they would probably be pretty outraged. This deal is even worse.

So if any consumers hearing the news of yesterday's deal are tempted to crack open the champagne, my advice is: don't. This return to the aviation Dark Ages is nothing to celebrate.

# Please Sir, can you spare a dime? Our children are being taught to count with American

orget about Europe for a moment. The perennial establishment anxiety about undue American influence on British culture is back in the news. The spokesman this time is Dr Nick Tate, head of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority. The chief focus of his worry is the flood of American software into schools, where pupils are now expected to practise mathematics by working in dollars, dimes and cents and take English tests sprinkled with spellings such as color, gray and

Schools use American software because we do not have the market or capital to develop our own educational materials on anything like the same scale. Some spilling over of Ameri-canisms is therefore inevitable, just as it has always been in our Americandominated film world. But despite dire warnings in the past and the brief existence of the mid-Atlantic accent in the late 1940s. Britain still remains very much itself. There may be more hamburgers and colas on sale than before, but we still walk on pavements (not si-walks), go to the cinema (not the movies) and take out the rubbish (not

the garbage) at night. American influences can also go as well as come. The Cambridge pundit FR Leavis used to warn his students against "crowners" and the noxious effects of listening to what he would always insist on calling "hoogie-woogie"

software, but Nicholas Tucker sees no cause for alarm

long after such terms had become museum pieces. He would never have guessed that British pop music would one day influence what American teenagers listened to, although he would certainly have hated what we produce here just as much. Other Cassandra voices sounding off against American domination have

followed different agendas. The Comic Campaign Council in the 1950s that worked successfully to ban American horror comics was mostly made up of active Communist Party members - a fact unknown all that time to its innocent chairman George Pumphrey, a Sussex headmaster. Bashing America has long been an acceptable tactic for the far left, always ready to discredit the home of rampant capitalism whenever the chance arose. They were often joined in this endeavour by members of the extreme right, typified by Evelyn Waugh, who on hearing the views of a distinguished literary critic merely replied that since the gentleman concerned was also an American there was consequently no need to take his opinion

seriously. The driving force here was quite different: a vision of feudal Britain where any transatlantic term or twang was an

Britain's former place in it was diminished. How else can one explain the occasional case of irrational fury over odd Americanisms in the language, so brilliantly parodied by Michael Frayn writing in the guise of Lord Disgusted in 1963. "Every time I hear the word

British culture has always been a hotchpotch, borrowing from abroad when the mood arises

'commuter' I can see a red haze of rage in front of tny eyes. It is an entirely unnecessary outrage, since there is a perfectly good English expression: A man who lives in one place and works in another, and who each day.' There is simply no need for

future of British children's literature. American films now dominating the

uncomfortable reminder that time Almost all children's authors over had moved on with the world - and here produce books with at least half an eye on the American market, our own - badly damaged by government cuts to schools and libraries - is no longer able to support a thriving children's literature industry by itself. The type of changes that arise are still fairly minimal: a case of changing a few names around and avoiding issues American publishers tend to be more sensitive about than are our own publishers. But should all children's books start disappearing in favour of videos and the multi-media, there would indeed be a problem.

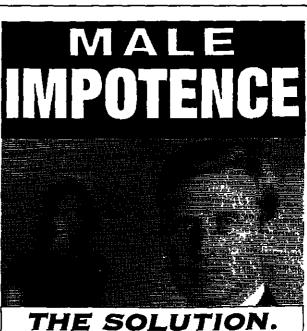
A country and culture that cannot recognise itself in its own stories risks becoming invisible. Pocahonias, The Lion King and Aladdin are all right in their way, but it is reasonable to expect British children to find some reflection of their own background and habits in their entertainment. In the literature that exists today there is no problem: we produce the best picture books in the world, with some fine novels to turn to later. But for children travels back and forth between the two dependent entirely upon the screen, better! good home-grown productions are new word."

few and far between among the avalanche of feeble cartoon shows and

home television and video market. Should we therefore put up the same type of defence against cultural invasion so heroically mounted by the French in the Gatt trade negotiations of recent memory? It is a tempting idea, if we could only first agree among ourselves what exactly British culture truly is. As always, this is not easy. Charles Dickens, the epitome of British reading tastes in the 19th cen-tury, was outsold at the time by one GWM Reynolds with novels like Lives of the Harem. The BBC, once seen as the true voice of Britain, used to lose out to the commercial Radio Luxembourg in audience numbers even when broadcasting was in its heyday. Who - or what - most stands for British taste in these two examples?

British culture has always been a hotch-potch, borrowing from abroad when the mood arises. The trick is to absorb the alien before the alien absorbs us. But whether the dollars, dimes and nickels so disliked by Dr Tate are really a national threat may be doubted. In this particular case, it could even be that pupils tired of failing arithmetic tests based on our own currency might find the whole idea of thinking in American money interesting and novel enough to start doing

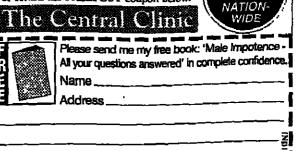
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# Alan Weeks

Over four decades, Alan Weeks came to be known as "the golden voice of television skating". But there was much more to him than that. This modest, friendly man with the mellifluous voice covered Monte Carlo rallies, four football World Cups. Pot Black snooker, swimming, gymnastics, and every Winter Olympic Games since 1964. Of all the sports, ice hockey was his first and dearest love.

Weeks was born in Bristol, but moved to Brighton at the age of five when his father. Captain F.C. Weeks, became piermaster. As he later recounted, it was in Brighton that he saw his first sporting star: "I swam in the Swimming Stadium and watched in wonderment as Pete Desjardins, 1928 Olympic gold medallist, performed prodi-gious feats from the diving

The Swimming Stadium in West Street was not a success, however. It reopened in 1935 as an ice rink named the Sports Stadium, also known as the SS Brighton. "Little did I imagine." wrote Weeks years later, "that



my whole life would be largely influenced by this building." He learnt to skate there, and cheered the efforts of the Brighton Tigers ice hockey team. He was then at Brighton and Hove Grammar School; a fellow pupil was John Nicks, later pair skating champion of the world and now a leading coach in the United States.

At the age of 16, Weeks went to sea as a cadet in the Merchant Navy, later transferring to the Royal Naval Reserve. On demobilisation in 1946, he sought work with the Tom Arnold entertainments organ-isation in London and to his delight was assigned to their recently acquired Brighton Sports Stadium. He became publicity manager and secretary to Brighton Tigers hockey team. He fell in love with one of the rink's skating instructresses. Jane Huckle, and married her in 1947, two days before his 24th birthday. One of his tasks at the ice rink

was to comment on the ice hockey matches over the public address system. Among the spectators one evening was Peter Dimmock of the BBC, cofounder of the television show Sportsview. Impressed by what he heard, he invited Weeks to audition at the Empress Hall rink in Earls Court, west London. The test took place during the second period of a match and Weeks was then told to cerpt from Brighton's Ice Cirbroadcast the final period live, cus of 1952, with Weeks as on the air for the first time, to thousands of listeners. He survived this stern ordeal with flving colours, and his future with the BBC was assured. But the SS Brighton still came first, and he stayed on its staff until it was closed and demolished in 1965. So great was his affection for the old building that in



lly Barnes, and (seated) Ken Astron, Kenneth Wolst

Marilyn Hoskins, stars of some of the ice shows there, organised a reunion in Hove for

some 250 skaters and fans. The BBC's first live television outside broadcast from the south coast was a 60-minute excommentator. Six years later the BBC began covering European and World figure skating cham-pionships. From 1958 until his retirement at the centenary World Figure Skating Championships at Edmonton, Alberta, in March this year, Weeks reported every major skating event, including the 1967 world roller championships. Even at

72 he still sounded young and enthusiastic.

Weeks reported ice sports for 38 years, gymnastics for 27, football for 23 and swimming for 20. His work took him to 26 different countries. He was popular among Britain's Olympic sports folk as "the gold medal commentator", for it fell to him to narrate the victory ceremonies for the skaters John Curry, Robin Cousins, Christopher Dean and Jayne Torvill, and the swimmers David Wilkie and Duncan Goodhew. Weeks was best known for his skating commentaries, never speaking too much but always ready with the name of the complex jump or lift which the viewer had just seen. In 1990 the world ice titles were determined in Halifax, Nova Scotia; as he told Enid Lowe of Ice Age magazine, he was able to revisit some old haums - his ship had docked there during the Second

World War. Alan Weeks and I knew each other for half a century, from the days when I took my first faltering steps on the SS Brighton ice, and his wife was a schoolfriend of my sister Joan. We were last in touch two months ago, when he rang me on his return from Edmonton about the biography which Liz Solkhon and I were planning to write. "I

turned his talents to Rhodesia,

Somalia, Turkey, Yemen,

Ethiopia and Uganda, where he

worked as an adviser on live-

stock for nomads for the Unit-

ed Nations and the World Bank.

When his son Aidan covered

the Somali civil war for

Reuter, many Somali leaders

recognised the Hartley name.

as a volunteer for Oxfam, Ac-

tion Aid and Farm Africa. The

Karamoja famine in northern

Uganda, which had killed hun-

dreds of thousands of people by

great life adventure. He travel-

led to Karamoja to advise the

local people on rebuilding their

devastated agriculture. Two

From 1980, Hartley worked

just have to go for a medical check-up," he said, "then you must come over to discuss it." Dennis L. Bird

Alan Frederick Weeks, sports commentator: born Bristol 8 September 1923; public relations officer, Sports Stadium, Brighton 1946-65; Secretary, Brighton Tiggs Ice Hockey Club 1946-65; BBC sports commentator 1951-96; director, London Lions Ice Hockey Club 1973-74, director, Sports Aid Foundation 1976-83, governor 1983-96; married 1947 Jane Huckle (one son, and one son and one daughter deceased); died Hove II June

for the Masai are particularly at-

tached to cattle. Camels, they

argued, were the product of

mating a giraffe with a lion, and

besides everyone knows that

Helped out by his son, Kim.

Hartley persevered. The Masai

could come and drink the

camels' milk, and talk to the So-

malis who tended them. Soon

they came to realise that milk

was still to be had in the dry sea-

son, and that camels ignored the

grass that the cattle favoured,

preferring instead to browse.

which started with eight beasts

and now numbers 300, was

largely financed out of his Colo-

nial Service pension. It was

typical of the soft-spoken mod-

est man who could always be re-

lied on to think up a small-scale

private solution to Africa's

many problems, whether it was

importing fish-books for a vil-

lage in Sudan or asking his wife,

in the truck to Karamoja, to car-

ry a batch of guinea-pigs on her

knees so that the starving tribes-

people could breed them and

Hartley's camel project,

camels spread the desert.

# Uno Chiyo

The novelist and kinono designer Uno Chiyo was an enchantingly vivacious old lady who occasionally appeared on Japanese television wearing unusually classic kimono, oldfashioned hairstyles and thick pebble glasses. It was easy to see what a beauty she must have been in her youth, and to understand why so many men -most of them quite unworthy of her - fell under her spell. She reminded me of the

sexually voracious Marlene Dietrich - her almost exact contemporary - revealed in her daughter Maria Riva's bitter biography. Or of the centenarian grandes dames, still avid for male attentions, in Ronald Firbank's novels, one of whose delicately caricatured aristocrats, Lady Parvula de Panzoust, loves to practise her "hobby" of 'standing in shafts of sunlight". just as Uno Chiyo to the very last gasp adored basking in the

glow of media celebrity.

The first time I saw her in the flesh was at the Tokyo Imperial Hotel for the celebration of her 88th birthday, the special oc-casion known in Japan as beiju. Hundreds of friends and fans attended. During the long evening she changed her re-splendent kimono three times, a custom (o-iro-naoshi) more usually performed by young brides at the wedding reception after the Shinto ceremony. These were really just opportunities for the star of the evening to freshen her make-up. and to the end Uno was an ardent maquilleuse - her first published story was the prizewinning "Shifun no kao" ("Painted Face", 1921).

She started off as a schoolteacher at the Kawashima Elementary School in Iwakuni in 1914, and in what was then a quiet provincial backwater she at once created a scandal by



wearing an elaborate geisha wig and make-up in class, and had a love-affair with a young teacher. The teacher had to transfer to another post, while she went off blithely in search of another romance. It was to Aoyama district of Tokyo.

be the pattern of all her life.

Uno Chiyo wrote only a handful of works, most of them short. Her longest story is purely autobiographical, Irozange (Confessions of Love), serialised in the literary magazine Chuo Koron from 1933 to 1935, and runs to only 150 pages or so. After a disastrous "arranged" marriage to an unsuitable cousin, she fled to Tokyo. She worked for a while as a waitress in a restaurant opposite the office of Chuo Koron, where she got to know the editor who later published her first story.

Confessions of Love is based on a gruesome personal experience in 1929, when she had a love-affair with the artist Beiji Togo, who was recovering from a nasty double love suicide. Uno had wanted to collect information about the affair, in house with only a bandhag, but after making have with the artest on the very blevel-stained later on which the betched dealed suicide had taken place, she lived with him for five years. Sixn years later, she recalled: "We fell upon each other like ommals, You see, it was the bloom stained hundage found his need

that got me."
The "hero" is portrayed as selfish, crw.srdh, weak-willed. fickle and very capricious. He is an artist who has lived some years in America - "Mencan Jap" is the term Unit uses - and he never puts brush to canvie, but scrounges mency from the ious morose, usolent girls. In the end, as nearly always in Japanese life, it is the women in this story who emerge as the stronger characters, while the self-important males reveal themselves to be little beas at heart, with second-rate abilities.

Uno Chico kept writing span radically for magazines, and for her own Susain ("Style"). Japan's first fashion magazine. During the Second World War. however, it was suppressed by government censors, who found the articles she wrote on them! like "How to Wear a Summer Frock" and "Proper Underwear - a Must for Western Dresses" not in keeping with the scriousness of the times. But the unsinkable Uno Chivo resurrected it during the Occupation. She became even more famous as an innovative kimono designer than as a writer.

Her "Ara hitori no onna no hanashi" ("Story of a Woman Alone", 1971) is another fascinating re-telling of her life, mainly confining itself to her early years and her precocious sexual needs. She asks herself, "Was it instinct? Fear? Or merely lust?" as she ponders her youthful erotomania. She emerges as a woman who did exactly as she pleased. Her beautiful short novel

Ohan she declares to be the most "constructed" of her works, claiming its rather ematic story is based on La Princesso de Clèves. It is a historical novel about the pupper-makers and puppeteers of Shikoku, and was awarded the Noma Prize when it appeared in 1957. The film director Kon Ichikawa made it into a movie in 1984.

Uno Chiyo celebrated her 95th birthday in grand style with a party at the Ginza branch of Takashimaya Department Store. The eighth-floor art gallery staged an exhibition of her works, including manuscripts of her novels as well as their now rare first editions, and a number of sumptuous formal kimonos designed by her. Moreover, there was an exact reconstruction of her gorgeous living-room in the high-class

During the run of the show this indefatigable nonagenarian was on display every day to chat with a retinue of famous friends in the presence of an appreciative audience and adoring television cameras.

For the magazine Claire Uno Chiyo composed this maxim: "I like people who don't give up their lust for life in whatever situation they find themselves until the very last moment. Again, she said: "All deaths before the age of 100 are accidental deaths, deaths caused by carelessness or thoughtlessness. Men and women can live naturally to be 100 and over." Uno Chiyo just missed that

Uno Chiyo, novelist and kimono designer: born Kawanishi 28 November 1897: died Tokyo 10

### **Brian Hartley**

"Masai" Hartley, as Brian Hartley was sometimes known, fell in love with Africa in 1929 when, as a 22-year-old junior agricultural officer in the Colonial Service, he was posted to Mwanza in what was then westem Tanganyika. Over the years, he was decorated MBE, OBE and CMG for his services to agriculture, and he spent most of his pension on a project that chose to go to Africa. successfully introduced camels

to the Masai along the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro in the dusty north of Tanzania. Hartley would have been the Ford, he found when he got to first to remark upon the neat symmetry of these two parts of his life. The tall, strapping Eng- a line of porters, he became lishman with the twinkling eyes and open face never matched that remained so characteristic the caricature of the strutting of him. He got to know every colonial administrator: he was always happiest with the African people in the villages and bush. A benevolent host, he would sit at the head of his table. wielding a glass of red wine, and recite Tennyson's "Ulvsses", Come my friends, 'tis not too

late to see a newer world . . . As a young man, Hartley was struck with le mal d'Afrique come self-sufficient in cotton. - and though he ventured as far afield as Aden, Iroq. Turkey and Trinidad, he spent much of the next 67 years thinking up ways to give something back to the continent he loved.

He was born in Leicestershire in 1907, the son of a civil servant, and grew up as a country of Africa that never left him.

boy in a large family. After some initial training, he entered the Colonial Service which sent him to Wadham College, Oxford, and then to the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture in Trinidad. Offered the choice of running coffee farms in the West Indies, rubber plantations in Malaya, or cotton production in Tanganyika, Hartley

As a junior agricultural officer, he was expected to buy a car out of his own salary, and, although he spent £200 on a Box patrol the beaches, identifying Mwanza that he preferred to walk. Travelling at the head of known for the swinging stride learned KiSukuma and quickly made friends with the local Sukuma tribespeople, Later, he would also learn to speak fluent Arabic, Somali, KiMaa and of course perfect KiSwahili - not what is known as "KiSettler".

Hartley's main job was to encourage the Sukuma to bewhich they sold at auction in Mwanza to Asian traders who were telegraphed from Liverpool every week with the cotton exchange prices. Hartley's isolation from other colonials fed his independent spirit and gave him an intense, passionate love

In 1938, he was posted to Aden as the agricultural officer. Aden was the place after Tanganyika that would most profoundly hold his affections. He and his best friend, Peter Davey, were determined to join the RAF at the start of the Second World War, but as fluent Arab speakers were considered too valuable to send home. Instead, Hartley was made assistant commandant of the camel corps at Subeihi, near Aden. His job was to dress up in Arab dress and German and Italian submarines that were forced to surface in

the Bah el-Mandeh straits. The

post gave him a lifelong interest in camels and how they flourish in desert conditions. After the war, Hartley added the job of political officer to his responsibilites, and in 1946 he was appointed Director of Agriculture in the Aden Protectorate. The two jobs went well together, as when an attempt to broker peace between the warring Fadhali and Lower Yafai tribesman succeeded only after Hartley started a cotton scheme at Abyan, 50 miles north of Aden port. He was appointed CMG for the Abyan scheme. In three years, the project made more than £1m profit, and both tribes referred to cotton as "white gold". His nickname

among the Arabs was "Al-Zerai", "the farmer". It was in Aden that Hartley

daughter of an Indian Army officer, whom he married in 1951 at the age of 43. Africa, however, became their home. Hartley had already bought a 2,000-acre farm at Mweiga in 1934, and in 1952, during the Mau Mau, they bought and began to develop Langaseni ranch between Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Meru in

northern Tanganyika, Starting off with 16,500 acres of arid acacia bush, Hartley turned the ranch into a showpiece that eventually stretched 1982, was the start to his next over 89,000 acres and raised Boran beef cattle, sheep, goats and horses. In 1953, he became a trustee of the Tanganyika National Parks, and when the ranch was nationalised by the government in the mid-1960s he



Hartiey: le mai d'Afrique Photograph: Simon Upton

Foundation for Science

Lord Butterworth was in the chair a

a lecture and dinner discussion held yesterday evening at the Royal So-ciety, London SWI. Dr John

Holmes, Professor Charles Curtis and

Sir Francis Graham-Smith spoke on "Disposal of Radioactive Waste: two sides of a coin". Among those pre-

sent were:
Lord Barber of Tewkesbury, Lord Berkeley,
Lord Brightman: Lady Butterwords; Lord
Campbell of Croy; Lord Gregion; Lord
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Perry of Waltan; Lord Porter; Lord Sherfield,
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Mr R.F.H. Vanderpump, Mr S.G. Or-lik and Mr A.L Styles were installed

as Wardens. The Master, Mr Tony

Ostik, the Past Master, and Mr

Peter Rawlins were the speakers at

a luncheon held afterwards.

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years later, he again visited Uganda, and from there went on to Tanzania. Travelling by matatu (bush taxi), he revisited all the areas where he had been an agricultural officer in the 1920s. His return to Tanzania came at a time when the Tanzanian government was be-

ginning to turn its back on the socialism of the 1960s and instigate a wide range of economic and agricultural reforms. Hartley realised he would never again farm the land as a settler; instead he was determined to help the local tribespeople. He was eventually allowed once again to live on his old ranch, and embarked on a

project to introduce the camel

to the Masai. It was no easy task,

have something to eat. Fiantmetta Rocco

Brian Joseph Hartley, agricul-turalist, colonial administrator, conservationist: born Kegworth, Leicestershire 31 July 1907; MBE 1934, OBE 1945; CMG 1950; married 1951 Doreen Sanders (three sons, one daughter); died which the girl had died, for a November Mombasa, Kenya 5 June 1996.

### Negligent landlord will not be prosecuted

Prosecutions, ex parte Jones;

The test of whether someone was guilty of negligence so gross as to justify their being prosecuted for manslaughter was necessarily imprecise and a prosecutor was entitled to decide that a landlord, who had failed to implement fire safety precautions required by the

sional Court dismissed an application by Jennifer Jones for judicial review of a decision of the Director of Public Prosecutions, acting by the Crown Prosecution Service, not to prosecute Richard Boddington for an offence of manslaughter following the death of Miss Jones's 20-month-old daughter, Terri-Ann, in a fire at premises owned by Mr Boddington. Douglas Day QC and Colin Davis-Lyons (Shelter) for the applicant; Alan Moses QC and T Kerr (CPS, York-

Lord Justice Anid said Mr

the Richmond Hotel at 60-68 32 on the second floor. One of

North Marine Road, Scarborough, which he ran as a home for homeless people, most of whom paid rent by means of housing benefit. Each person or family occupied one room in which they slept and cooked.

ough Borough Council served on Mr Boddington a notice requiring him to undertake improvements in the fire safety

Terri-Ann, had taken room 35 on the second floor in early January 1994. All four slept in one room except when the occupant of room 36 was away, when the children slept in there. They would be locked in the room at night to prevent them playing in the corridors and disturbing

its occupants, Katherine Harrison, died. The other escaped and alerted Mr Boddington. He then alerted other residents, including Miss Jones, who was sleeping alone in room 35. She went to unlock the door to room 36 but was unable to reach it because of smoke in the corridor. The fire brigade rescued the children but Terri-Ann died on the way to the hosoital.

Inquests were held in October 1994. The jury returned a verdict of unlawful killing in respect of Terri-Ann Jones and of accidental death in respect of Katherine Harrison. After the inquest Ian Stamp, a special casework lawyer for the Yorkshire Area of the CPS, agreed to reconsider an earlier decision not to prosecute Mr Boddington. But he adhered to his original view that there was insufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of conviction for involuntary manslaughter.

The applicant's case was that Mr Stamp had misdirected himself on the test of in-Boddington was the owner of 1994 a fire broke out in room test was not whether a jury voluntary manslaughter. The

would be sure that Mr Boddington was guilty of a very high degree of negligence" as Mr Stamp had said in his affidavit, but, as explained by Lord Mackay LC in R v Adomako [1995] 1 AC 171 at 187. whether Mr Boddington was guilty of negligence which could be characterised as gross in the light of "the seriousness of the breach of duty committed by [him] in all the circumstances in which [he] was

In his Lordship's judgment. the applicant's argument wrongly treated part of Lord Mackay's reasoning as a statu-tory formula to be incanted to

that Mr Stamp had applied the

the applicant's argument that Mr Stamp's decision was unreasonable in the sense defined in Associated Provincial Pictures Houses Ltd v Wednesbury

#### Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

BIRTHS

LINDSELL: On Saturday 25 May 1996. to Ioanna [Gibbon] and Paul, a son, Randal George.

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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS
The Duke of Editaburgh, President, attends the 1990 Royal Agricultural Scorety of the Commonwealth Conference at the Most. House International Hotel, Chester, and as President, Royal Agricultural Scorety of the Commonwealth, attends the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society to Distinct at the Brys Howel Folds. Unapollen, Closed, The Prisoces Royal, President, Annual Health Trost, attends an Industry Committee Meeting for the Second Lastend of Corporate Membership Scheme at Buckingham Paliner, visits Colbina College, Cubbam, Kentt, as President, Royal Vachista Association, attends in President, Royal Vachista Association, attends in President, Royal Vachista, Association, attends in College, Royal Navy Officers, Inspectal Will Museum, London SEI, to exhevate the 60th annecessary of Royal Patrongs. The Duchest of Gourceier, Patron, Notung Hill Housing Tust, attends a professor Chamber Opera at the Holland Part Theatte, London Will The Buchest of Rost, attends the Namine Corrunous of the RNLB George and Mars, 1976. Whith RNLL Lightum Station, White, Payth Vorsham, Prisons Michael of Kent presents Le Pur Rachellen Senghor at La Maison des Polytedumiciaes, Paris ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavairs Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Geards, Hage: Its Baltahon Irish Naturds mounts the Queen's Geard, at Buckingham Palme, 11 70mm, band provided by the Sexis Guards.

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. W. Rees and Miss D. L. Mann

The engagement is announced be-tween James William, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Rees, of Chamberlain House, Wells, Somerset, and Daya Lucienne, cider daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Mann, of Lodes, Kingston St Mary, Somerset.

Birthdays

Mr George Bush, former president of the United States, 72; Mr Mark Calcavecchia, gotfer, 36; Mr Charles Clark, lawyer and publisher, 63; Mr John Copley, operatic producer, 63; Mr Vic Damone, singer, 68; Mr Michael Fabricant MP, 46; Sir Peter Froggatt, Pro-Chancellor, Dublin University, 68; Lady Herries of Ter-University, 68; Lady Herries of Erregles, racehorse trainer, 58; Sir Kenneth Hollings, former High Court judge, 78; Mr Pat Jennings, footballer, 51; Mr Peter Jones, actor, 78; Sir Call Mr. Land Institute of Lan 76; Sir Paul Kennedy, a Lord Justice of Appeal, 61; Mr Oliver Knussen, composer and conductor, 44; Lord McCluskey, a Senator in the College of Justice in Scotland, 67; Dr Ernest Mario, co-chairman and chief executive. Alza Corporation, Palo Alto, 58; Lord Mayhew, former govern-ment minister, 81; Mr John W.McW. Thompson, former Editor of the Sonday Telegraph, 76; Mr John Townend MP, 62.

Anniversaries

Births: Sir Richard Fanshawe, diplomat, translator and poet, baptised 1608; Harriet Martinean, novelist and historian, 1802; Charles Kingsley, novelist, 1819; Robert Anthony Eden, first Earl of Avon, statesman,

1897; Brigid Antonia Brophy (Lady Levey), novelist, 1929; Anne Frank, diarist, 1929. Deaths: Jean Etienne Liotard, painter, 1789; John Nicholson Ireland, composer, 1962; Sir Herbert Read, poet and critic, 1968; Dame Marie Rambert, ballet pro-ducer, director and teacher, 1982. On this day: Magdalen College, Oxford, was founded, 1458; the first electric telegraph was patented by Sir William Cooke and Sir Charles Wheatstone, 1837; the Rotherhithe-Stepney Tunnel beneath the Thames was opened, 1908; in Greece, King Constantine abdicated in favour of his second son, Alexander, 1917; the Beatles were appointed MBE in the Birthday Honours, 1965; Boris Yeltsin was elected president of the Russian Republic, 1991. Today is the Feast Day of St Eskill, St John of Sahagun, St Leo III, pope, St Ochilphus, St Onuphrius and St Ternan.

Lectures National Gallery: Charles Harrison,

"Degas (ii): Degas's Bathers and Oth-er People", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Geoffrey Opie, "20th-century Craft Movements", 2.30pm. Tate Gallery: Sarah O'Brien Twohig.

"Rothko", 1pm.
Leicester University: Dr Bernard
Crump, "Shifting the Responsibility
for Meeting the Cost of Drugs", 1pm.

Luncheons HM Government

Mr Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at Lancaster House, London SW1, in ho-nour of Dato' Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar, Minister for Defence of Malaysia.

#### Mr Robin Burgess, President of the Newspaper Society, hosted a lunch held yesterday at the Newspape Society's headquarters, London Regina v Director of Public WC1. in honour of Lord Wakeham Chairman of the Press Complaint

Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Auld and Mr Justice Sachs) 10 June 1996

local authority, should not be prosecuted after someone had died in a fire at his premises.

The Queen's Bench Divi-

shire) for the DPP, Malcolm Swift QC and Adrian Dent (Grunwells,

Scarborough) for Mr Boddington.

### LAW REPORT

In November 1993 Scarbor-

precautions at the premises. Mr Boddington said he was unable to meet the substantial cost of the new works without a council grant. No further progress had been made before the fatal fire occurred. Miss Jones, together with her partner, John Devlin, and their two children. Natasha and

other residents. In the early hours of 5 May placed when it occurred".

demonstrate its application. It was plain from his affidavit

necessarily imprecise. Adonuko test, namely whether there was a realistic prospect of proving Mr Boddington's breach of duty was so serious or "gross" or "so had in all the circumstances as to amount . . . to a criminal act". His Lordship also rejected

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# SINESS NEWS DESK: tel 6171-293 2636 fax 0171-293 2098 BA and American create air superpower

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British Airways and American Airlines yesterday ran into a storm of protest after unveiling plans for a highly ambitious code-sharing agreement that would create the world's largest aviation alliance with the power to transform competition between Europe and the United States.

Under the arrangement, announced simultaneously in London by BA's chief executive, Bob Ayling, and in New York by his American counterpart, Robert Crandall, the two airlines would splice together their schedules KLM were others that exand share flight codes to forge pressed unease at the link-up,

around the world. But the alliance will be the subject of close scrutiny from competition authorities on both sides of the Atlantic and rivals were quick to warn yesterday of the dangers

Virgin's Richard Branson immediately condemned the deal as anti-competitive. Delta Air Lines, the third-biggest carrier, said it would oppose the alliance unless Britain and the US reached agreement on an "open-skies" agreement to fur-ther open up Heathrow airport to US airlines. Continental Airlines and the Dutch operator

has a 24.6 per cent stake, saying it would open up new

The deal was welcomed by the stock market, which marked BA's shares 9p higher to 562p. Chris Tarry, an analyst with Kleinwort Benson Securities, described it as a major step. "It is likely to mark a greater willingness on the part of the UK to have a more liberal [openskies] agreement. But it also opens the way for Virgin and others to wrest concessions," he

The link-up means that from April next year passengers booking with BA to the US, for instance, could find themselves Among those planes carrying both BA and American flight codes will be Concorde.

The two companies will remain independent, however. Contrary to the rumours of recent weeks, the pact does not foresee any swapping of equity or any trading of seats between the respective boards. British Airways, meanwhile, is seeking to retain its shareholding in USAir.

Instant criticism of the deal was provided by Richard Branson, whose Virgin Atlantic Airways could face barsh new conditions across the Atlantic.
"Given the history of these two airlines and their anti-compet-

a single network of routes with only USAir, in which BA on an American Airlines flight, itive behaviour, it would be hard to believe any rational government, in the interest of consumers, would allow this to go forward," he said.

Aiready among the world's most powerful airlines, BA and American would together account for almost 60 per cent of traffic between Britain and the US. Between Kennedy airport in New York and Heathrow their share is 70 per cent, while they are the only carriers on the London-to-Dallas route.

Analysts predicted that the two companies will be expected at the very least to carve out from the agreement some routes where their domination would be unacceptable, in-

cluding possibly between New York and London. "This is nowhere near what the governments are going to accept," Craig Jenks. an aviation expert in New York, said. "Were the US to approve this, they would be abandoning the criteria they have applied to all previous

cases of this kind". For the agreement to be viable, the two carriers must extract immunity from the US government from current faircompetition regulations. That, is likely to be contingent upon the US and British governments resolving long-standing arguments on an "open-skies" aviation agreement.



Shake on it: BA director Roger Maynard (left) with American Airlines chief executive Robert Crandall Photograph; Rouger

Cut in output

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# Controversy greets head of Exchange

PATRICK TOOHER

The Stock Exchange yesterday ended a five-month search for a new chief executive when it named Gavin Casey to replace Michael Lawrence, who was ousted in January after bitter Arrow rights issue to bail out the clashes over his management style. But controversy soon surrounded Mr Casey's appoint-ment when details of his role in the infamous Blue Arrow affair in the 1980s resurfaced.

The Stock Exchange chairman
John Kemp-Welch said: "We
have been rigorous and thorough
in checking this matter with the
relevant regulatory authorities
and we are satisfied he had no more than a peripheral role [in the Blue Arrow affair]. There was no criticism of him in the [DTI] report.\*

Mr Casey, 49, was deputy chief executive of County NatWest when the merchant bank launched Blue Arrow's £837m rights issue in 1987 that led to a fraud trial four years later.

He denied being closely involved in the unsuccessful rights issue and rejected allegations

"run for cover" when the official investigation into affair began. "I strongly refuted those suggestions at the time and I do so again." he said yesterday.

It was alleged that City advisers bought into the Blue recruitment agency after realising the cash call would flop. The Court of Appeal quashed convictions of four financiers linked with the rights issue four

years ago.
Mr Casey joined Smith New
Court in 1989, and became chief operating officer before the broker was bought by Mer-rill Lynch last year. He has since played a key role in the inte-gration of the two businesses. "He is a proven manager of change," Mr Kemp-Welch said. He will lead the executive team in the implementation of

the Exchange's strategy, which is now close to being finalised." The appointment comes at a crucial time for the Exchange, which is nearing momentous changes that will introduce a new electronic system of trading



'Refuted suggestions' over Blue Arrow: Gavin Casey, the new Stock Exchange chief

prices are displayed electronically but deals done by phone, to an order-driven system with electronic matching of trades.

The move threatens the traditional privileges given to market-making firms. However, made on behalf of one defenting the Exchange is transform. Mr Casey denied his association pay-off, plus his predecessor, Peno shortage of people interested dant during the trial that he had ingits current trading system with the broker would colour his ter Rawlins were sacked. Mr in doing the job, "he said. The Exchange is transform- Mr Casey denied his association

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way," he said.
Mr Casey is the Exchange's third chief executive in as many years. Both Mr Lawrence, who was paid a basic salary of chief executive's position was a £345,000 and received a £500,000 poisoned chalice. "There was

tronic share settlement system, which was abandoned at an estimated cost to the City of £400m. But Mr Kemp-Welch denied the Photograph: Philip Meech

Mr Casey, who takes up his new post in August, said he looked forward "to implementing what needs to be done" at the Exchange. Mr Kemp-Welch refused to disclose any details about Mr Casey's salary, but did say he would be on a two-year rolling contract.

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weak overseas markets - will not disappear overnight," said Ian Shepherdson at HSBC Markets. Most economists predict that

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DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor** 

Manufacturers cut production in April, giving Kenneth Clarke more ammunition to defend his surprise reduction in the level of interest rates last week.

Figures yesterday showing a small decline in manufacturing output and a bigger drop in total industrial output confirmed that industry remains the weak link in the economy. Recent figures have highlighted the contrast between the fortunes of manufacturers and consumers.

"One can only conclude that the Chancellor had a sniff of these figures when he acted last week," said Paul Mortimer-Lee, chief economist at investment bank Paribas. "Despite the setback in manufacturing we are not suffering from a broad deficiency of demand."

Upward revisions to earlier igures were not quite enough to eliminate the recession in manufacturing, which is struggling to escape from its overhang of excess stocks. Its level of output edged down by 0.1 per cent in the last quarter of 1995 and 0.2 per cent in the first quar-

show that total industrial out-put, which includes the utilities, people claiming benefit. mining and oil and gas extraction as well as manufacturing, reached a record high in March. "Industry's trio of problems excess stocks, excess labour and

though higher demand is already reflected in increased consumer goods output.

Industry's output fell by 0.8 per cent in April, largely due to a weather-related drop in enenge use compared with March Manufacturing output fell 0.3 per cent during the month.

Taking the three months to April as an indicator of the underlying trend, total output was

vious three months, and I per cent higher than a year earlier. Manufacturing was that during the three months and 0.5 per cent up on a year earlier. The biggest increases in out-put in February to April came

0.3 per cent higher than the pre-

in food, drink and tobacco. transport equipment and textiles, leather and clothing.
Industrial weakness spilled

over into construction. Separate figures for the volume of ner construction orders yesterds. showed that the total rose I per cent, in April the second increase running. However, an increase in new housebuilding orders, to their highest level for over a year, and in infrastruc-

ture orders accounted for it. Unemployment figures due However, the revisions did today are expected to show anpeople claiming benefit.

William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury. claimed vesterday that deregulation had meant more jobs. In a speech to the American Chamber of Commerce in London, he said two-thirds of the jobs created since 1993 had been in industries paying above-average

# A final record for Thorn-EMI

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Perennial takeover candidate Thorn-EMI yesterday unveiled record profits up 27 per cent, in its last set of figures before splitting into two separate companies this summer.

But there was continuing speculation in the City that a hostile bid for the music-torentals conglomerate could in-terrupt the divorce proceedings. EMI is virtually the only maior record company that isn't

owned by a media conglomerate," said one leading analyst. Disney, the US entertainment juggernaut, continued to be a favourite potential hidder. The theme-parks-to-broadcasting company is one of the few US giants without a recording label. Simon Duffy, group finance director, said yesterday that the company had not received

any approaches. "If we did, of course we would consider what was in the best interests of shareholders. Potential buyers could wait. however, until Thorn and EMI Group are trading separately before launching a bid. The demerger will be put to share-holders on to August, and

of 19 August, the company re-£539m in the year to 31 March.

Thorn is expected to begin

trading separately the morning



Preparing to split: Sir Colin Southgate has overseen the past 10 years' restructuring from £424m last time, buoyed

division.
The results cheered analysts. who predicted double-digit growth for both EMI Group and Thorn, the two successor

by record sales at EMI Music

and solid growth in its rentals

companies.
"We didn't massage these figures in advance of the de-merger." Mr Duffy said yester-day. "We just let the chips fall where they might."

The shares gained 5p to close at 1,843p, compared with analysts' estimates of £20-a-share for the two companies following demerger. If shareholders approve the split they will be offered one new share in Thorn, the rentals company, for every Thorn-EMI share they own. Pre-tax profits soured to Analysts expect Thom shares to trade sharply below those of

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EMI Group, which, as a pure music and retail play, would fetch a higher market rating.

The two companies will di-vide net debt of £391.4m, with Thorn taking £260m. Both are expected to follow progressive dividend policies, in line with Thorn-EMI declared a final

dividend of 29.5p, or 40p for the whole year. Senior executives working for Thorn following the de-

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merger will receive new options, while EMI executives will see their current options repriced to reflect the relative value of the Sir Colin Southgate, who has overseen the radical restruc-turing of Thorn-EMI over the last 10 years, will be chairman

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placed as chairman of Thorn by Hugh Jenkins, currently nonexecutive deputy chairman.

Michael Metcalf will remain as Thorn's group chief executive. Mr Duffy said last year's results were boosted by a strong performance in the US and European music businesses, where 30 EMI titles sold more than one million copies. Best-sellers included albums by Garth Brooks, Queen, the Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd and the Beatles (the Anthology).

EMI's music performance was in sharp contrast to the fortunes of rivals Sony and Poly-Gram, both of which announced disappointing sales earlier this year. Mr Duffy said the market in the US was flat last year, which made the comof both companies, although he is expected to be eventually remore satisfying.

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# Barings faces mass defections in equities

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ING Barings, the merchant bank rescued after its collapse at the hands of togue trader Nick Leeson, is facing the prospect of mass defections from its specialist equities teams following the recent recruitment of more than 50 staff by its rival Deutsche Morgan

The bank is already suing its German rival in New York, af-ter it poached a key member of staff there, encouraging a wave

At least 25 more Barings employees, members of its Asian desk in London, are now thought to be vulnerable to six and seven-figure salaries now on offer if they sign up with one of their unnamed rivals.

Barings' problems come in the wake of a rapid ratcheting up of City salaries in the past year, leading to poaching on a massive scale as many major banks move to position them-selves within the international market place.

The latest threatened defections follow the departure of Andrew Fraser, former head of Barings' Asia team, who has left to join Standard Chartered

Mr Fraser, who is banned from approaching staff under

the terms of his departure, is believed to have been joined by Most economists predict that output growth will remain in the Andrew Clark, another Barings

sales trader. Several of the Asian team in London are already thought to have been approached by at least one major bank. Barings yesterday would not comment on whether approaches had been made and what the outcome was.

A bank source said that in current conditions, with poachers circling ING Barings, it was not surprising that members of staff were being contacted.

"It is bloody irritating to have people picked off like that," he said. "When we identify those whom we record as

tify those whom we regard as key, we make a point of talking to them to ask if they have been approached. We look at them in the eye and ask them to tell

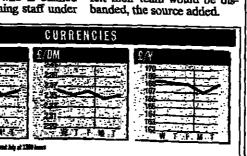
us that they are staying? Although it was not possible for Barings to match the huge double or triple-salary increases that some are being offered by some banks, potential defectors were being given an indication of the "generous" bonuses they

might expect next year.
Some staff who did not necessarily want to leave were being placed in an impossible position because everyone around them was going and they felt their team would be dis-

banded, the source added.

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If you cannot beat them, join them. Robert Crandall, chief executive of American Airlines, once famously described code sharing as "profoundly anti-competitive". Since then there has been a host of such agreements, and COMMENT despite their anti-competitive nature, they have all tended to win regulatory approval, the quid This is international pro quo being that the two countries involved concentration of an industry almost

give up fiercely protected landing rights. Now comes the big daddy of them all – a code sharing arrangement between British Airways and, without precedent. yes, American Airlines. Code sharing is jargon for the ability of one airline to transfer its passengers on to the other's network. In essence, the two comand all without that tiresome and panies become one, for code sharing plainly requires extensive co-operation between

participants on pricing, marketing and most other things that make an airline tick.
British Airways is the largest international carrier in the world. American is the third largest internationally and the second largest overall. Between them they have nearly 60 per cent of UK-US traffic, which accounts for the bulk of transatlantic traffic generally. And between them they create a potential network of some 36,000 destinations. It can readily be seen that what is proposed is the creation of a behemoth with the capacity to

crush most opposition before it.
In most industries such a proposal would
be so outrageous as to be laughable. But airlines, with their closely guarded national landing rights and internationally agreed pricing structures, have never obeyed the

eral international agreements that went before. The trail has also been blazed to the extent that it is now so well trodden as to be a virtually open motorway. KLM has linked with North West, Delta with a cluster of European airlines including Virgin, and Lufthansa has tied itself up with United and others. This is international concentration of an industry almost without precedent, and all without that thresome and expensive business of full-bloodied merger.

From a commercial point of view it obvi-ously makes sense. Both American and British Airways have spoken out fiercely against it, but they could hardly resist while everyone else merrily moves ahead regard-less. The question is whether the tie up between two of the world's biggest is the code sharing too far, especially given their

key transatlantic businesses. Richard Branson and quite a few of the other pilot fish forced to swim with the sharks, thinks it is. He points to the hypocracy of two companies which complained bitterly about the anti-competitive nature of Lufthansa's tie up with United. Now, appar-ently, the scales have fallen from their eyes and it is perfectly alright to engage in such antics. That's commerce for you. And it may well be that the carrot being offered to US regulators of open access to Heathrow, plus those treasured fifth freedom rights, if that is what the British authorities are prepared

is increased with the other. That is what they would like you to believe, anyway

#### **End of a marriage** made in hell

It is not often that a business is so bad that Athe vendor has to pay the buyer to take it away. But such is the case with Do It Ali, a DIY joint venture so botched that it would shame any weekend hammer and chisel enthusiast. Do It All has swallowed up £60m-plus in losses and a further £75m in investment since being formed in 1989. Now WH Smith is paying Boots a thumping £63.5m to take control of its 50 per cent share. It has been an expensive failure.

Do It All was always known as the marriage made in hell. It took two of the weakest players in the market and created, hey presto, an even weaker one. While rivals such as B&Q and Sainsbury's Homehase gained market share, Do It All's mounting losses became a rising source of embar-rassment to two of Britain's largest retailers.

Perhaps the salutary lesson here is that joint ventures are a hard trick to pull off. Shared responsibility and split costs sound good when things are going well. But when the going gets tough, differences of opinion and strategy are bound to emerge. Given these problems, it is a wonder Boots and

have moved so suddenly to divorce lies in the change of regime at WH Smith. The new chief has found it easier to make a clean break than his predecessor, who was naturally more emotionally involved in the tie up.

WH Smith is paying a heavy price to rid itself of the burden but it can now concentrate on other issues, not least resolving the problems in its core chain. Boots on the other hand has its work cut out. Its decision is a calculated gamble on continued improvement in the housing market and consumer spending. There were few options, of course. No one else would have looked at Do It All and the cost of closing it would have been prohibitive. Boots chairman Lord Blyth will be praying for the feelgood factor.

#### Exchange job is no poisoned chalice

So it is Gavin Casey, formerly chief oper-ating officer of Smith New Court and a name totally absent from the list of possipilities touted in the press, who takes up the poisoned chalice of the Stock Exchange's top job. But hold on a moment. Is this really such a tough or important assignment as it once was? A lot has changed since Michael Lawrence was so unceremoniously thrown overboard six months ago. Then it seemed an impossible job, one that required recon-

ciling very different vested interests, riding roughshod over powerful traditionalists, and creating alternative sources of revenue, sometimes in competition with members, to shore up the exchange's future. That was how Mr Lawrence characterised the role.

Mr Casey will find it hard to recognise these things in the Exchange he is about to inherit. With Mr Lawrence removed, an air of calm and quiet endeavour returned to the Exchange. The upshot is that most of the important decisions, especially that of the new trading system, bave already been taken. The Stock Exchange is going to have to take on the chin the loss of revenue that the start-up of Crest involves, and drastically adjust its costs and horizons accordingly. As for the new trading system, it is to be a hybrid - the order driven system favoured by Mr Lawrence but with the quote driven system beloved of market-makers continuing in tandem.

Mr Casey's job is to argue over the down-

sizing, to carry out decisions which have already been taken for him by others. Obviously it is not a particularly exciting role but it is one better suited to the more lim-ited position in the City the Exchange must resign itelf to. And just in case Mr Cascy is tempted to follow his predecessor's preten-tions, and attempt to go native, let it not be forgotten that he is essentially a creature of Michael Marks, the Smith NewCourt chairman (now Merrill Lynch) most closely asso-ciated with the ousting of Mr Lawrence.

# o reduce rates NatWest to buy top US broker for £385m

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National Westminster Bank yesterday announced it is to pay £385m for Greenwich Capital Holdings, a top US securities dealer and broker, as part of its bid to become one of the leading global investment banks.

The purchase of Greenwich from the Long Term Credit Bank of Japan follows Nat-West's recent purchases of Gleacher, a mergers and acquisitions adviser, and Gart-

more, the UK fund manager. Martin Owen, chief executive of Nat West Markets, the bank's corporate and investment banking arm, said: "This acquisition completes the major strategic moves needed to build a strong competitive position in the US.

in the US government bond markets, providing strong institutional distribution and trading expertise. We will also have leading skills in asset-backed securities. This will be a strong platform on which to develop our position in the global bond

markets," Mr Owen added. NatWest Markets has 6,500

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risk management, foreign exchange, securities sales, trading and research to institutions.

Greenwich, which is in the top 10 among fixed income firms in the US, was bought by LTCB of Japan in 1988 for US\$140m (£85m) becoming the Japanese bank's primary US operations unit.

Its capital markets arm has an average daily clearing volume of more than \$20bn and is a leading underwriter and dealer in US Treasury, mortgage and as-set-backed securities. The company is also a broker in exchange-traded options.

In 1995, Greenwich, which: employs 400, recorded pre-tax profits of US\$75m. down slightly on its previous year's total of US\$76.4m, achieved during the

Mr Owen said: "The Greenwich management team have proven expertise and a disciplined approach which has built a consistently profitable fixedincome business. This will be a very strong position to build our position in the global bond

He added that NatWest's instaff in 24 countries and provides terest in Greenwich followed



Strategic moves complete: Martin Owen, above, chief executive of NatWest Markets

a strong presence in US government bond trading and related derivatives. Organic growth was considered but not chosen because it would not have led to a market-leading position in the time desired.

Greenwich had been identi- the US firm was given the gopotentially for sale by LTCB. which has suffered bad loans

problems in Japan. Discussions between Nat-West and Greenwich began in earnest several weeks ago after income arm.

fied some months ago as being ahead by its Japanese parent.

Greenwich's joint chief executives and co-presidents, Gary Holloway and Konrad Kruger, will jointly head NatWest Market's global fixed-

# 'Youth radio' bid tipped to win Yorkshire licence

MATHEW HORSMAN

seen in the fast-growing com-

A full-day meeting is sched-

veiled by the the Authority's 12-

member board by early evening.

entered the race, with the big radio groups Capital, GWR and Chrysalis all represented. The applications fall into

several camps according to

proposed format, with dance

and other youth-orientated

programming a clear favourite.
Of the main commercial

radio groups, both GWR's con-sortium, K-Max, and Chrysalis's

Galaxy 105, promise dance mu-

sic, which the companies believe

A field of 13 applicants has

mercial radio market.

approach to the public finances. It had overshot its borrowing target by a cumulative £50bn since the last election, he said in a speech to the annual conference of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountants. Mr Smith repeated Labour's commitment to the "golden rule" of borrowing only to finance investment by the public sector over the economic cycle, and said there would be a Green Budget before the actual Budget each year under a Media Editor The Radio Authority is poised to announce the winner of the News International shares soured as much as 32 per cent after regional radio licence for Yorkshire, in one of the most com-

its investors were offered preferred shares in the UK newspaper publisher's parent company, News Corporation, in exchange for their 9 per cent stake in the subsidiary. News Corp already owns all the ordinary stock of News International and 82 per cent of the publish traded special dividend shares of the subsidiary. Following publicly traded special dividend shares of the subsidiary. Following the exchange, News Corp will own all the shares in News International and the unit will cease to be publicly traded. The extensional and the unit will cease to be publicly traded. change, which offers 1.33 preferred News Corp shares for each News International special dividend share, values News International shares at 410p, a 33 per cent premium to yesterday's closing price. The shares closed up 83p at 391p after rising to 405p at one time.

Andrew Smith, shadow chief secretary to the Treasury, accused

the Government of taking an irresponsible "scorched-earth"

 NFC, the transport group, reported a jump in pre-tax profits from £34.3m to £49.1m for the 28 weeks to 13 April 1996, prompt-ping analysts to upgrade full-year forecasts by around 10 per cent to between £95m and £105m. UBS analyst Richard Hannah said the interest forecasts. the interim figures were "good numbers", and the performance in both the logistics and moving businesses was better than expected.

 Receivers to Salisbury's, part of the collapsed Facia empire, have set a deadline of tomorrow for final offers for the 130-strong chain. Boros, which owns three stores in the south east has asked for an extension to the deadline to enable it to make an offer. Grant Thornton says it has received expressions of interest from

• The final five passenger rail franchises were offered for sale yesterday. They are Central Trains, InterCity West Coast, North London Railways, North West Regional Railways and Regional Railways North East.

• UK business now invests a higger share of output than many of our competitors, according to a new DTI paper. It says business investment has accounted for a higher proportion of GDP in the UK than in France, Germany, Italy or the United States. Investment in the UK has also followed the economic cycle less sely than in most other G7 economies.

Prices at the factory gate in the US fell 0.1 per cent in May, reassuring financial markets on the alert for signs of inflationary presfine. Lower heating oil prices explained the unexpected fall. "Core" prices charged by manufacturers were flat after rising 0.1 per cent in each of the previous three months. Prices of intermediate goods, further back in the production chain, increased 0.5 per cent after 103 per cent increase in April. Raw materials prices were up 1.3 the channels being asked to reper cent increase in April. Raw materials prices were up 1.3 duce their charges are CNN, the per cent compared with a 5.3 per cent jump the previous month.

temporary and hits channels. Kiss FM, a private company which has leased the Kiss name from Emap, the media giant, is

also proposing a dance station.
One insider said: "If the petitive franchise rounds yet Radio Authority wants to broaden choice and safeguard diversity, I think they will see uled for tomorrow, with the winning bid expected to be unthat the missing strand is youth

programming."
All the same, at least one of the bidders, Saga, is targeting the over-50 age group, with a mix of talk and music. There is even a bid to present multi-cultural mu-

sic, from Arrow Broadcasting. The Authority is required by statute to choose a winner on three broad criteria: broadening choice; ensuring fair and effective competition; and financial viability.

According to some bidders, a key issue will be the amount of money applicants intend to spend to promote the service. Capital's

is a clear winner in a market al-ready well served by adult con-spend at least £500,000, while Chrysalis, which operates the Heart stations in Birmingham and London and the Galaxy service in Bristol, could put as much as £1m behind its Yorkshire launch if it wins the bid.

Financial viability, a prime concern of the Authority, could tip the balance. K-Max, 40 per cent owned by GWR, has estimated capital expenditure of £255,000, next to £697,000 for Capital. The K-Max figure is viewed by competitors as being too low to finance the service

properly.
Other imponderables include the Authority's view of competition in the marketplace, MSM, the national sales house owned by Capital, currently handles as much as 60 per cent of commercial radio advertising in the UK, following the decision by Emap to transfer extensive business, including its Metro radio from its competitor, IRS.

### Telewest ready to swing axe

the market leader, Telewest, have launched a wide-ranging review of their pay-TV programming, aimed at removing under-performing channels to make room for new services in the autumn, writes Mathew

According to industry sources, negotiations are also Broadcasting, the joint venture underway to reduce the amount paid by cable companies to programmers who have not hit performance targets. Among

UK cable operators, including US all-news network, and some of the channels in the Flextech stable, including Family. a lifestyle strand.

The inventory clean-up will give cable operators greater capacity to carry new services. including a 24-hour weather channel, the Sega games chan-nel, and a collection of new services from Granada Sky owned by Granada, the media currently. and leisure giant, and BSkyB,

the satellite broadcaster. Granada plans to launch five new programming strands on satellite from October. They include a greatest hits channel, Men and Motoring, as well as

Cable is now growing faster than satellite in the UK, prompting greater interest in securing cable carriage for new services. There are believed to about 15 new channels seeking cable distribution - far more than can be accommodated

But plans to introduce digital services, perhaps by early 1998. work, industry insiders predict. | tional Grid flotation.

# WH Smith pulls out of Do It All at cost of £63m

Boots and WH Smith finally ended their disastrous Do It All DIY joint venture yesterday. Boots has agreed to take con-trol of WH Smith's 50 per cent share of the loss-making

The decision to walk away from the six-year partnership will cost WH Smith a total of £63.5m. This includes a £50m staggered payment to cover the cost of selling unwanted stores. It is also waiving a £13.3m loan to the chain. Boots will include an £80m provision in its currentyear figures to cover its share of the costs.

Boots plans to sell or close around 60 of the worst-performing stores and concentrate on the remaining 134. No decision has yet been taken on possible job losses. The chain employs 6,600 staff.

Do It All was created by the 1989 merger of WH Smith's Do It All and Boots' Payless DIY

chain. It proved a financial cutastrophe, consistently losing ground to rivals such as B&Q and Sainsbury Homebase. Although it made a profit in 1991 it has lost money every year since, including £20m last year. In total its losses have reached more than £60m. Boots and WH Smith have invested a further £75m in the business during that time in an attempt

to restore it to profitability. The decision to end the venture is part of a four-month strategic review of the WH Smith retail empire undertaken by the new chief executive, Bill Cockburn, who joined from the Post Office in January. The remaining details will be announced today and are expected to focus on improving the core WH Smith chain. Commenting on the Do It All decision, he said: "With hindsight, the venture was a disaster. But

at the time of the merger the

DIY market was booming and

it looked like a good deal."

Boots' chairman, Lord Blyth, said he was confident that the present strategy of improving the 134 stores would work as consumer demand picked up. Like-for-like sales in the core stores have improved by 6.6 per cent in the first 15 weeks of the current year. He added that with further improvement the chain could break even next year.

"We recognise the risks of this deal but we have no doubt that pursuit of the existing strategy s appropriate for the business

Analysis welcomed Smith's decision to abandon its involvement but questioned Boots' forecast on profits. "There's no way it will break even next year," one said. "They need to increase sales by more than 6 per cent and no capacity is being withdrawn form the market. They will have to take share from others."

Boots shares rose 12.5p to 607.5p. WH Smith edged 3p higher at 484p.

### **Power** bills cut by lower subsidy

PATRICK TOOHER

Average household electricity bills are set to fall by up to £20 year after the industry regulator announced cuts in the subsidy paid by consumers to support the nuclear industry, which is being privatised next

Two regional electricity comimmediately announced price cuts of up to 3.9 per cent for customers. Midlands said the typical annual bill will be £266, while Eastern's 3 million customers will receive a one-off rebate of up to £11 this year.

Professor Stephen Littlechild, director-general of Offer, said he intended to cut the subsidy known as the fossil fuel levy - from 10 per cent of the average bill to 3.7 per cent. The first ohase of the cut will apply from November to 31 March.

Professor Littlechild promised a further review in the autumn of 1996 to assess the levy required from 1 April 1997. However I anticipate that it should be possible to maintain or reduce the rate from 1

April," he added. The move had been expected as part of the process of the sale of British Energy, operator of the eight most modern nuclear reactors. The levy was brought in at the privatisation of the electricity industry in 1989 to subsidise the nuclear industry's heavy maintenance and decommissioning costs.

Professor Littlechild said the

new rate would cover payments due to the non-privatised part of the industry, including the ageing Magnox reactors, as well as subsidies for renewable sources such as wind-power.

The Industry and Energy Minister, Tim Eggar, applauded the announcement as "yet further good news for electric-

ity consumers". He said: "Electricity bills are already at the lowest level in real terms since 1974 and consumers also received a discount of just will provide as many as 150 over £50 in the first quarter of channels through the cable net- this year, following the Na-

#### Change to Interest Rates.

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# market report/shares

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#### Rally continues as some prepare for a surge to 4,000 The stock market has almost recovered from the disquieting shares rose 6.5p to 176.5p. Profits could show a dramatic lurch provoked by the stronger than expected US employ-

ment figures.
The FT-SE 100 index rose a further 26.9 points, making a two-day gain of 48.9. But the rally has been achieved in pathetically thin trading with most investors content to sit on

the sidelines, awaiting devel-New York influences have helped; so has evidence that last week's base rate cut was justified on economic grounds and was not merely a blatant

political manoeuvre. Some observers, no doubt with their fingers tightly crossed, believe there are signs shares could be preparing for the surge many anticipate will take Footsie to around the 4,000-point mark.

advance, nearly doubling to more than £1bn. Current year's

forecasts, however, are less impressive and a sharp decline is expected next year. Retailers drew support from further indications of a growing feelgood factor in the high

street, with Dixons up 15p to 526p and Kingfisher 11p at British Airways responded to its long mooted alliance with American Airlines with a 9p gain to 562p, although there was some disappointment the

link was not underlined by a

share exchange. The future composition of Footsie generated excitement with the Footsie steering committee due to decide on any changes today. Orange, the mobile telephone group, and United News & Media, following its deal with MAI, are



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club. Foreign & Colonial, the investment group, is a near certain casualty and Greenalls, the pub chain is also likely to be dropped. Courtaulds, 9.5p

the border line. Much of the market action was enjoyed in the lower divisions, with Singer & Fried-lander, the merchant bank with more than £4bn under management and controlling stockbroker Collins Stewart, adding 4p to 112p as Pan-mure Gordon put a buy sign on

the shares.

Stock market reporter of the year Abbey National rose \$5p to 550.5p as SBC Warburg re-

peated buy advice. Tarmac unsettled builders and related shares with a surhigher at 429p, and Lasmo, up 2.5p to 179.5p, are others on prise profit warning. Chairman Sir John Banham said first half figures would be "well down but hoped for an improvement as the year pro-gressed. The shares fell 4p to

> Surrey Free Inns ended 17p higher at 287p as Regent Inns declared its shareholding at 6.63 per cent. Regent was lit-tle changed at 249p but Tom Coblatch another sub shareholding Cobleigh, another pub chain where there is the smell of bid

Doeflex, the chemical group, continuing to trade well and gained 18p to 288p. It is buy-could attract a predator. ing BTP's polymer unit for £5.9m and raising £6.2m through a one-for-five 230p

Celsis International, the healthcare group, edged for-ward 3.5p to 108.5p as Merrill Lynch said the shares should be closer to 200p. The securities house expects a further loss - £3.3m - in the current year but profits of £3.2m in the fol-

ViewInn produced maiden figures, a seven-month loss of £167,000. The shares, floated at 100p at the start of the year, fell 10p to 615p.

Bilston & Battersea Enam-els, a trinkets maker, climbed 5p to 80p. The shares have advanced from 33p in the past year. After two years of losses the company returned to the black and profits were up 43

Revelation, the luggage group was traded at 5.5p in its new slimeline form and Prism Christies International, Rail, shunted on to the market gained 11p to 70p as it took its remarkable headway, hitting 280p with a 55p gain.

Tradepoint, running the rival order-driven share market which has failed to make the progress expected, slumped 50p to 135p. Selling in Van-couver, where Tradepoint was first quoted, was behind the fall. One Canadian stockbroker is thought to be cutting a 300,000 stake and some private investors are thought to be worried by the company's intention to give up its Vancouver quote.

The special dividend shares of News International surged 83p to 291p as the parent News

Tringlish & National Investment frust, controlled by Rahamas investor Jaseph Lewis, who has nearly 30 per cent of

at 100p last month, continued an option from Mr Lewis to bay a 20.1 per cent interest for £6.2m in AutoNome, which embraces text searching technology, BCE, the computer games group, acquired \$.3 per cent of AutoNoney on Monday. Its shares gained 1p to 20p.

> [[Caird, the waste disposal group valued at around film, jumped 47p to 390p following director buying after last week's upbeat trading state ment. The shares have gained

JPPL Therapeutics, producing human proteins from sheep milk, made the expected healthy debut, hitting 500p before settling at 487p from

### British Steel was the best performing blue chip. Ahead of year's figures on Monday the Emap, the media group, enjoyed a NatWest Securities push, gaining 15p to 693p and Cafe Inns put on 17p at 185p. Corporation moved to mop up the minority, offering 1.33 News Corp preferred shares for each special dividend share. per cent to £310,000 in its last year. There is talk the group is its 450p placing. Prices are in starting except where stated. The world in last year a dividend, grassed up to 350 at 20 per cent, as a percentage of the share price. The price investigating in Europe or time share price divided by last years seamings per share, excluding exceptional tents. Single of the control of the share price divided by last years seamings per share, excluding exceptional tents. Single of the control of the share of the share share of the The Independent Index The index allows you to access real-time share prices by phone from South Sergify Lat 0881 123 335, followed by the 4-digit code printed next to each share. To increas the bases financial reports dial 0891 1233 followed by one of the handlapt codes below FF-SE 100 - Real-time 00 Sterling Rates 04 UK Stock Market Report 01 Bullion Report 05 UK Company News 02 Wall St Report 00 Foreign Exchange 00 Tokyo Market 21 Anyone with a tone-dist telephone can use this service For a detailed description of The independent lades, including its portfolio facility, phone 0861 173 333. For assistance, call our helpline 0171 873 4375 (330sm - 530pm) Calls cost 38p per minute (cheep rate), and 49p at all other times. Call ( Market leaders: Top 20 volumes FT-SE 100 Index hour by hour 14.00 37341 up 5.3 15.00 37398 up 110 16.00 37470 up 19.2 settle my bills over Textures & Appared 100 Head About 11 Head 12 the phone" The property of the property o 257 A STATE OF THE Company of the compan COUNTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF TH for 24 hour telephone banking **2** 0800 **24 24** A STATE OF THE STA 29 203 | H Sert Cor 29 204 | H Sert Cor 29 205 | H Sert Cor 29 205 | H Sert Cor 29 206 | H Sert Cor 29 207 | H Sert Cor 29 208 | H Sert Cor 29 209 · 4279 · 2444 · 2428 · 3840 · 3850 · 3854 10 m + m 10 281 367 176 380 384 384 386 386 386 386 386 28% 201"= 97013 104%+ 1033 106%+ 101% 105%+ 101%+ 101%+ 576 174 654 656 667 632 632 632 632 633 633 1918 1940 4487 1952 1951 1959 1973 1968 1973 1968 1973 1973 1974 728 716 650 748 766 779 725 672 794 806 807

# business

# Northern weaned off milk round

painful restructuring over the last two years as it has come to terms with the

decline in doorstep milk deliveries. It has reduced its bottling capacity by 40 per cent and cut 5,000 jobs, leaving recent profits figures scarred by the resulting charges.

The shares have responded accordingly, falling from 1993's 280p to a low of 166p at the end of last year. Then, just as the company looked like it was out of the woods, along came the BSE scare in March, knocking the shares back down again. Added to these woes has been the continued price pressure from the supermarkets to which Northern Foods supplies a wide range of ready-made meals and liquid milk. Northern's cream was left tasting

But, as with Unigate, which reported figures on Monday, the situation for Northern Foods is gradually improving. Profits for the year to March bounced back from £16m to £119.8m, though the 1995 figures were depressed by £91m of restructuring costs. Stripping out the exceptionals, profits from continuing businesses improved by 4 per cent to £124m. The market was encouraged by the chairman Chris Haskins' bullish comments on consumer spending, which gave optimism that this year will be better than expected.

In prepared foods, profit improved by 6.6 per cent to £82.4m, though the BSE scare will knock £4m-£5m off the total in the current year. The best performers were Eden Vale and the cakes, desserts and puddings business. The hot

summer dented sales of Fox's biscuits. In milk, doorstep volumes fell by 12 cent, which was in line with expectations and better than Unigate's 16 per cent. Supermarket deliveries improved by 11 per cent, though this is a lowmargin business.

Northern is hoping that the supermarkets will start easing prices, taking the pressure off the suppliers. But giv-en the grocery retailers' willingness to use volume lines such as bread and milk as loss-leaders, this could be wishful

thinking. Northern is also unhappy about Milk Marque's monopoly position in the milk supply industry. Following the drop in the market price, it seems to be assuming that there will be a cut at the price review next month. If this reduction fails to materialise, Northern's margins will remain under pressure.

The other main concern is Northern's strategy to increase its exposure to the big supermarkets groups, which now account for 60 per cent of group sales in prepared foods. This when most

### Like its dairy industry counterpart Unigate, Northern Foods has endured a THE INVESTMENT COLUMN cent this year and will have to find another 430m of savings to offset the reg-

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other food companies are trying to reduce their exposure. BZW is forecasting profits of £130m this year. With the shares up 3p to 194p, they trade on a forward rating of 12. Hold.

#### East Midlands shows largesse

It is no coincidence that the arrival of Nigel Rudd as chairman of East Midlands Electricity in 1994 saw a sharp turnaround in the regional electricity company's gearing. The Williams Holdings chairman and his management team have presided over a massive £720m transfer of value to shareholders, encompassing special dividends and the distribution of the group's holding in the National Grid, over and above

normal dividend payments.

Although this largesse has pushed up gearing to 60 per cent, the group's phenomenal cash flow means it is lower than expected and well below management's target level of 80 cent. But the shares slid 12p to 5

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5-year record

yesterday on disappointment at last year's total dividend increase of 9 per cent (to 31.6p) and comments which appeared to pour further cold water on bid prospects.

Generous by most standards, East Midlands' policy of rewarding share-holders has gone hand in hand with a decision to abandon the original postprivatisation management's diversifi-cation policy and concentrate on the core electricity business. The underlying impact of this strategy has been clouded by provisions, exceptionals and last year's review of electricity distribution by the industry regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild. Stripping out the £73.3m contribution from the National Grid from last year's results, East Midlands' profits were flat at £214m. However, the figures were further complicated by the release of an £11.4m restructuring provision and a £20m gain on the disposal of the last of the peripheral operations. Even so, management can be well pleased that it held the fall in operating profits to

the £189m, down from £208m before, giv- per en that the price review cost £31m.  The group has cut prices by 2.7 per	ment scree ecula the m
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The omens are better than they have been for some time for Amersham, but even profits of £63m this year would put the shares, up 28p at £10.43, on a prospective p/e ratio of 17. Hold.

ulatory review. But with restructuring provisions of £35m in hand, it is confident there is still plenty to go for on that front. Even so, profits are likely to dip to £190m (from £214m) this year, putting the shares on a forward multiple of seven. The group should be one of the best placed ahead of full dereg-ulation in 1998. Hold.

#### Amersham sees hope of a cure

Amersham International, the medical instruments to pharmaceuticals group, seems to have resolved the problems which wiped 7 per cent off its shares when it reported its interim results in November. The most important is there are now clear signs of an end to the malaise in the pharmaceutical in-dustry which has hit sales of Amersham's research and laboratory

equipment to the drugs giants.

The change in "tone" in the indus try, evident in the second half, is already boosting sales of Amersham's technology and services. Its drug developit services, used in testing and ening new pharmaceuticals, molar biology, where Amersham leads market, and genetic sequencing, insingly used by drugs groups to rt-cut the search for new drugs, reed sales growth of between 10 and er cent last year. The improvement ped return Amersham's main life nees division to growth in the sechalf. But group profits up from 3m to £50.8m owed most of their th to foreign exchange benefits,

h added £4.5m to the bottom line. ealthcare, the pharmaceutical and mostic division, has continued to on the back of Amersham's ally strong position in nuclear med-The main Ceretec brain imaging at saw sales dip 8 per cent to £22.3m er the onslaught of competition Du Pont's Neurolite, but Metastron, for pain caused by bone cancer, now sells nearly as well and the hope for the future is Myoview, the heart imaging agent. Amersham will receive a boost to earnings from raising its stake in the Japanese Nihon Medi-Physics to 50 per cent from October and give it a third of the world market for nuclear medicine.

Pass the ashtray.

# Dog with a bone shows up at Stock Exchange

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Michael Marks is sorry to see his colleague Gavin Casey leave the portals of Smith New Court, now under the wing of Merrill Lynch, to take the top job at the Stock Exchange. But Mr Marks thinks Mr Casey will do a good job.
"He did a tremendous job for
us putting our settlement and
IT in order. He's got a great sense of humour, he's like a dog with a bone, he worries at problems until he solves

Michael Lawrence, the last incumbent, claims he was ousted by a cabal of marketmakers, including Smiths. But Mr Marks insists that Mr Casey is not "the marketmakers' man".

"He's an accountant by profession, he came from NatWest, he wasn't involved in that side of the business, says Mr Marks.

The debate has moved on. We're going to have an orderdriven system for Footsie 100 companies [something Mr Lawrence was keen on]. It wasn't the change, but the process of change that annoyed people."
When not pulling the Ex-

change into the modern age, Mr Casey will probably be found at his small cottage in Dorset with his wife and three children. He also enjoys sailing and shooting - "not very well," according to one observer.

The papers may be full of the evils of smoking, but it is still compulsory for all executives of US tobacco giant Phillip Morris to ask for a seat in the smoking section whenever they fly anywhere on compa-ny business. Even if the executives involved are non-smokers, which a number of them are. The condition is written into their contracts.

The antics of Paul Gascoigne and his team-mates apart, Euro 96 does not seem to be fostering much Euro-togeth-



When Tom Cruise appears in the soon-to-be-released block-buster thriller Mission Impossible, the big-screen version of the television classic, he will be wearing British suits. Timothy Everest, a contemporary tailor based in Spitalfields. London, has achieved this notable export success. "The person styling Tom Cruise wanted a Nineties interpretation of a Six-ties TV show," said Timothy. It was difficult to find anything suitable off-the-peg for the pint sized thespian, and Timothy supplied him with a "high quality wool pinstripe to produce a three-button, slim-fitted jacket with flat-fronted, slim trousers". One of the biggest problems was supplying replacement trousers — "they were always getting trashed in the stunts".

erness among the competing teams, at least not in Yorkshire.

Indeed the county is considered something of a culi-nary disaster area by the Continentals staying there. The Danes, the Spanish, the French and the Portuguese are

all steadfastly refusing to eat any British becf. Only the Bulgarians are tucking into the stuff. Scarborough's town council have paid £25,000 to put the Bulgarians up in a local hotel.

and apparently liberation from Communism has given the players an insatiable appetite for meat of all kinds the more beef the better. The Portuguese, in con-

trast, have parked a huge refrigerated truck outside their hotel near Rotherham, in which they keep all the food

The truck also contains huge amounts of water. Apparently Yorkshire Water's disastrous performance during last year's drought was headline news in Portugal. and the poor chaps are fearful of going thirsty during

Vic Cocker, the chief executive of Severn Trent who last year told you to concrete over your lawns to conserve water. is ebullient following the company's sparkling results. Observers, noting that Vie's brother is none other than Joe Cocker, the famous singer, are even saving that Severn Trent is finally "up where it belongs".

Joe Cocker was a gastitter before he became a rock singer in the Sixties - clearly

### Severn Trent pipes in £1m a day profits As a result of these im-

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Amberley Group (F)	22.9m (13.0m)	3.03m (2.0m)	4.2p (3.5p)	1.4p <del>( )</del>
Amerstanı leti (F)	351m (334m)	50.8m (47.3m)	58.2p (50.6p)	18p (17p)
Babceck (sel (F)	723m (755m)	3.1m (7.8m)	0.47p (3.2p)	3p (2p)
Bradstock Group (I)	18.0m (17.2m)	3.37m (3.55m)	3.02p (3.64p)	1.6p (1.6p)
63\$ (F)	317m (294m)	15.1m (14.1m)	37.7p (34.7p)	20.5p (19.5p)
CML Microsystems (F)	17.3m (19.8m)	1,61m (3.81m)	6.56p (13.7p)	6.1p (6.1p)
East Millands (F)	1.18bn (1.31bn)	288m (214m)	136p (78.5p)	31.6p (29p)
Firth Ribson (I)	71.9m (66.7m)	3.03m (2.21m)	1.4p (1p)	0.4p (0.3p)
Gresham Comp (f)	4.58m (3.80m)	0.71m (0.52m)	1.32p (0.98p)	TH (-)
Great Pertiand Est (F)	- (-)	47.6m (53.1m)	10.7p (12.7p)	9p (8.75p)
Headerson Admin (F)	- (-)	20.1m (18.1m)	62.2p (56p)	45p (45p)
Marshells (F)	237m (230m)	25.8m (28.5m)	11.83p (13.5p)	5.2p (5p)
NOFC (I)	- (-)	49.1m (34.3m)	4.40 (3.4p)	2.5p (-)
Harthera Fésès (F)	1.96bn (1,97bn)	124m (119m)	14.98p (0.7p)	9p (8.8p)
Policy Portiolia (F)	22.0m (14.8m)	1.28m (0.85m)	10.7p (7p)	6.5p (6p)
Thorn ENII (F)	5.5bn (4.51bn)	478m (271m)	75.6p (61.9p)	40p (36.6p)
Tay Option (I)	17,2m (13.7m)	1.86m (1.20m)	6.38p (5.48p)	1p (0.87p)
Valex Group (F)	181m	12.8m (12 0m)	13p (29 4p)	20p (-)

COMPANY RESULTS

PATRICK TOOHER Severn Trent, the Birminghammonth told customers to concreie over their lawns to save water, ran into fresh controversy vesterday when it unveiled

The company, which last year imposed a hosepipe ban on millions of customers, also promised to pursue a more generous dividend policy by cutting dividend cover from almost three to twice the level of earnings by the year 2000 -

regardless of the outcome of its Wilkinson, chairman of the inbid for South West Water.

pens," said Vic Cocker, chief executive. "But it will be easier to get to two times cover if we buy South West because we expect record profits of more than that deal to enhance earnings."

Severn's bid, and a rival offer for South West from Wessex Water, are being investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. But news that Severn's pre-tax profits soared by 40 per cent to £373m in the year to March provoked an angry response from Clive

dustry regulator Ofwat's central a day on capital expenditure to provements, Mr Cocker re-"We will still have a strong customer services committee. "When customers think of

how many of them had periods without water because of poor service they are bound to wonder whether Severn Trent are making extra money by cutting corners in the delivery of their service," he said.

"It seems that the balance between customers' needs and shareholders' needs are not in the right perspective and that the shareholder is getting the better deal." But Mr Cocker responded by

saying Severn was spending £1 m improve services to customers. mained confident there would also noted that despite rainfall in the region 70 per cent being below the long-term average, the hosepipe ban introduced in August had been lifted at the end of April: "I view that as a vindication of the action we have taken over the winter."

The rate of water leakage fell from 24 per cent to 21 per cent, while measures taken to increase water supply by 5 per cent include plans to use the River Trent as a source of drinking wa-

he no repeat of the ho ban, even though one reservoir - the Derwent, which supplies Derby - is only 60 per cent full. Last year Severn's total dividend rose by 12 per cent to 32.4p, covered 2.8 times from earnings per share 10 per cent

higher at 89.6p. Severn has been rumoured as a possible takeover target for electricity generator Powergen, but Mr Cocker denied the more generous dividend policy was defensive in nature.



Keeping cool: Vic Cocker

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In Muppet Treasure Island (certificate U), the Muppets are back and ready to cast off and set sail on their zaniest adventure ever, as they encounter pirates, buried treasure and some angry warthogs, in Walt Disney Pictures' all-new, live-action, musical feature.

stars Leslie Nielsen as Agent Steele in a comedy of highvoltage adventure, high-tech gadgetry and lowbrow humour.

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Burning issues: Health warnings fall on deaf teenage ears as a generation ignores role models and listens only to its peers

# Love is the key to kicking smoking habit

**GLENDA COOPER** 

Young love coupled with price increases is the most effective way of forcing teenagers to quit smoking, new research has

warnings has proved ineffective and most teenagers have "crazy" ideas of the risks they take the Imperial Cancer Research Fund said yesterday.

teenage smokers think the health risks from smoking are not very important despite the fact that one in two teenagers who continue to smoke will Hitting them with health die as a result of their habit.

Asked about health risks, teenage smokers saw air pollution as being as dangerous as smoking regularly. Three-quarters of non-smokers, however, In a MORI poll of 4,500 saw smoking as a real risk.

that smoking cannot be all that dangerous or the Government would ban sports sponsorship by tobacco companies.
"The truth is unless [teen-

agers] quit smoking about half are going to kill themselves." said Professor Richard Peto. head of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) Cancer Studies Unit at Oxford. The strongest influence on

give up. The MORI survey found that four out of 10 smokers would try to give up if their nartner wanted them to and nearly one in five would give up if their best friends quit. Only 4 per cent said they would stop if someone they ad-

mired in the public eye told them to. Nor, in the past, did the smoking-related deaths of

Queen, or, ironically, the man in the advertisement for Mariboro eigarenes, have a lasting effect on smokers' willoower.

Professor Gordon McVie. director general of the Cancer Research Campaign, said that the findings contradicted widely held preconceptions. "A lot of adults believe that young smokers would listen to celebrities' advice on quitting ... [but]

The other big influence for

teenagers is price. More than half the teenagers surveyed said that a substantial increase in the price of eigarettes would discourage them from starting smoking. And 55 per cent of smokers thought increasing the price of eigarettes to £5 for 20 would deter young people.

The ICRF estimates that smoking will kill around one

schoolchildren aged between 11 A third of teenage smokers quitting was if their girlfriends screen idols such as Gary Coop- love really is the key to getting and 16 around two-thirds of also agreed with a statement or boyfriends wanted them to that smoking capacity be all that smoking capacity and the said. tinue. A further million will die

through tobacco in old age. The charities called for the Government to reconsider banning tobacco advertising yesterday while teenagers claim raw to be influenced by advertising, the survey revealed that children do buy and smoke the most heavily advertised brands. Pamela Furness, the chief

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tising but." Alcurrent UK death cates of " thousand come while whe amoge technique one mili ple murdered six will die on the roads and Sou will die through



John Wayne, actor: Died from smoking-related



Melina Mercouri, actress: Died of cancer in 1994



Humphrey Bogart, actor: Smoked until his death, of

# Smouldering appeal of Hollywood chic

WILL BENNETT

decades cigarettes promoted to young people the perfect image of chic and sophistication - an essential social accessory and an ingredient of many of the greatest scenes in cinema

Bogart and Bette Davis were rarely without a cigarette, in the Fifties James Dean proclaimed it as a symbol of adolescent rebellion and in more recent times Clint Eastwood presided over murder and mayhem in spaghetti westerns with a cheroot clamped firmly

between his teeth. Ultimately the entertainment industry paid a terrible price for this with the list of those who have died from lung or throat cancer reading like a roll of Hollywood greats. John Wayne, Vincent Price, Yul Brynner,

Ironically Wayne McLaren, the macho rodeo-star-turnedactor who portrayed the Mariboro Man in advertisements for from lung cancer. He said on his deathbed in 1992 that he was "dying proof that tobacco kills

Phoenix, one of Coronation Street's greatest stars, Melina Mercouri, the Greek film actress, Serge Gainsbourg, the poet-singer, and Roy Cast le, not a smoker himself but who inhaled other people's as he

played the trumpet in jazz clubs. In theory the anti-smoking lobby now occupies the high ground in the debate about tobacco. Indeed in some Hollywood restaurants the pendulum has now swung so far the other way that if you light up a cigarette the waiter bangs a gong to warn you to put it out.

But some sections of the population are proving more resistant to giving up smoking than others. According to the Imperial Cancer Research Campaign "the amount of tobacco consumed by women, which decreased in the late-1970's, has started to go up again and female lung cancer is for sex. increasing" although some re-Betty Grable and Bogart were found no difference between the

Children are also proving more difficult to persuade not to smoke than adults, probably because health problems caused the cigarette brand, also died by cigarettes seem to be light years away, something suffered only by people who to them seem impossibly old.

Peer pressure and family On this side of the Atlantic background are factors as is a those who have died from lung perception among children that cancer have included Pat smoking is a grown-up thing to

do. One recent survey among 11- to 15-year-olds showed that 29 per cent viewed it as grown up, 11 per cent thought it was attractive, 7 per cent described as "cool" and 4 per cent as

"tough". Despite all the efforts of health campaigners, some films, television programmes and magazines still portray smoking as stylish. Sharon Stone breathed lingeringly through a cigarette in the film Basic Instinct, while Laura Dern did the same in Wild at Heart.

A survey for the Health Education Authority showed that in 10 recent films 14 leading and including both heroes and villains, hit up on 21 occasions. Researchers were concerned that they showed that smoking mean, stressed or in the mood

Other research has shown Dean Martin, Gary Cooper, searchers say that they have that 11- to 15-year-olds perceive a quarter of characters in even though some of them are not, and that compared to Australian soaps they were seen to be pro-smoking.

Magazines also put out mixed messages. Leanne Riley of the HEA said: "Showing pictures of glamorous models smoking next to an article which condemns it actually reinforces the message that smoking is a popular and cool habit."



Young smokers run with the risk of cancer.

Of course they could stop smaking if they wanted to be with should they?

For many pupils at Crofton the habit do not strike a chord. a belief that smoking is "no more dangerous than anything

else nowadays" mean that, for some, only the death of a close relative would do the trick. Six-a-day Louise Auguste, 15, smokes because her friends

smoke. She thought about giving up once, but to no avail.

"My auntie was in hospital from a collapsed lung. Mum said I should stop smoking be-

Clare Garner finds youngsters ignoring the dangers cause I might turn out like lung cancer. I was going to Deborah Holtham, 17, has

mind. When I came back to

that. I was scared and told her give up then but I changed my smoked more in the last year School, in Lewisham, south-east I was going to give up, but I London, the harmful effects of didn't. It wasn't like dying so I school and saw everyone smok- been legal I've smoked more didn't think it was that bad. If ing I thought: 'Oh well, never and my mum knows now so it's someone died in my family I mind, try again another time.' easier, she said. someone died in my family I

would give up."
But for Michelle Walsh, 15. £5 a pack? "I'd be poncing off who switched to Benson and Hedges when she arrived at the mixed comprehensive because everyone else smoked that brand, even a family death didn't make her give up.

"My dad's auntie died of

smokes to stay slim. "You can smoke instead of eat," she enthused.

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everyone else. I certainly

self," said Michelle, who

A smoker since the age of 11.

but reasons: "You could get run over crossing the road." There are things that are far

worse for you, she says, like drugs. "Drugs kill straight away. With smoking it's a gradual thing so you can find out and stop. There's nothing

To Sam Knight, 14, smoking one eigarette is "like taking a few mouthfuls of the pollution in London on a hot day Nathan Wilson, 12, is having none of it. As one of the school's official "peer cduca-

that would make me give up -

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tors", he preaches the danger of smoking to his friends, all of whom smoke. And Melissi Sheppard, 12, also a peer edit cator, is adamant; "If I'm of fered a eigarette by friends I say; No. I'm just a better person. I'm not that stupid'."



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Glenn Moore sees Italy make an impressive start to Euro 96

# Casiraghi the conqueror



### A new section on a new day

To do justice to.« a season brimful of major sporting events, the independent is producing this Summer of Sport section every Wednesday. Among the regular features will be:

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quintessential sport Today: Dickie Bird talks to Derek Pringle page 9

#### **Playing The Game**

A consumers guide to an active summer Today: So you want to join a golf club, page 8

For weeks the Italian press and publie have been pondering the omens and suggesting that Euro

Vill see an echo of the 1982 1990 World Cups, and the rgence of an unexpected scoring hero. Remember Paolo Rossi and Schillaci," they said. "Now for Enrico Chiesa - if Ar-

Sacchi has the brains to pick saccni did not. He did Fabrizio Ravanelli for 's opening game at Anfield erday – but brought in Tel ri Casiraghi instead. he 27-year-old Casiraghi is ously described as "power-and "robust," not adjectives

omarily associated with Italforwards. He has been on international scene for sevears without ever causing h excitement.

ntil vesterday. It took him four minutes to have the , a rare sca of blue, on its

went on to delight them with a classically executed second.

His goals sent Russia to a possibly critical defeat and gave him the chance of emulating Rossi and Schillaci - who was a Juventus team-mate when he took Italy to the brink of success in

Casiraghi's chances of leading the Italian attack in the competition's later stages were enhanced even when he left the field. Ravanelli, given 10 minutes to show what he could do, missed two good chances to seal the Azzuri's win. Had Igor Dobrovolski not shot wildly over when put through in the last minute, Ravanelli's domestic popularity could have vanished

The Italians just deserved their victory. Russia had more possession, they often created the prettier passing moves in an attractive, free-flowing game. But they rarely penetrated in attack and badly missed Yuri Nikiforov in defence.

That weakness showed as

ITALY 2 RUSSIA 1

· Casirastri (5 mln. 52mln)

Half-time: 1-1 Attendance at Anfield: 35,120

Two minutes later they were

acclaiming Casiraghi's inclusion

as he scored the fastest goal of

the tournament to date. It

came, as early goals often do, from a mistake. The culprit was

Stanislav Cherchesov, the

Russian goalkeeper, who mis-

hit a clearance straight to

early as the third minute, as Casiraghi was left unmarked to receive Alessandro Del Piero's pass. However, the Lazio strik-

er was slow to react and his shot was blocked. Chiesa's support-ers nodded knowingly, and pre-pared to castigate Sacchi once

MALY (4-3-3): Peruzzi (Juventus); Musel (Parma), Costacurta (Milan), Apol-loni (Perma), Meldini (Milan); Di Livio (Juventus), Albertini (Milan) Di Matteo (Jado); Cesiraghi (Jazo), Zola (Perma), Del Piero (Juventus). Substitutes: Don-adoni (New York/New Jersey MetroStans) for Del Piero, h-t; Fuser (Lazio) for Di Livio, 62; Ravamelli (Juventus) for Casiraghi, SO.

EUSSIA (4-2-3-1): Cherchecov (Trol Innstruck); Tetradze (Alama Vladikavkez), Onopko (Real Ovledo), Buskusanov (CSKA Moscov), Kovtun (Dynamo Moscow); Radinsov (CSKA Moscov), Mostovoi (Strasbourg); Kanchelsidis (Everton), Karpin (Real Sociedad), Tsymbalar (Spariak Moscow); Kolyvanov (Fogga), Substitutes: Yanovsid (Alamis Vladikavkez) for Bushmanov, h-t; Kiriakov (Karsruhe) for Karpin, 63; Dobrovolski (no club) for Tsymbalar, 70.

Referee: L'Mottram (Scotland). Bookings: Italy: Albertini, Donadoni. Russia: Onopko, Kolyvanov, Koviun.

Angelo di Livio. He instantly forward, drew Angelo Peruzzi, transferred it to Casiraghi who, with the goalkeeper still scrambling back into position, drove

the ball past him from 25 yards. The goal rewarded an Italian side which had been so hungry to start that Les Mottram. the Scottish referee, had to hold them back at the kick-off. Yet they now relaxed and, slowly, the Russians began to take control.

The much-anticipated contest between Paolo Maldini and Andrei Kanchelskis began to feature, with the Russians constantly seeking to release their winger. Maldini proved equal to the challenge but, on the other flank, Italy were suddenly opened up.

It came from a rare foray by Viktor Onopko. His penchant for stepping out of defence was restricted by Nikiforov's absence but this time he had a shot blocked. It fell to Valeri Karpin, whose shot rebounded to Ilya Tsymbalar. Time seemed to stop as he stepped

and scored. Gianfranco Zola put a head-

er just wide, Kanchelskis finally beat Maldini, and Casiraghi went close as the balance of play swung stylishly from one side to the other. Then, after 51 minutes, it tipped irrevocably towards the Italians. Roberto Mussi won the ball from Tsymbalar, Di Livio played it into Zola, whose first-time pass was rifled in by Casiraghi.

As Russia pushed forward, the Italians had enough chances to win comfortably. Cherchesov made a good save from Zola but Ravanelli, twice freed by Zola, should have done better. He was saved by Dobrovolski's waywardness, and a timely punch from Peruzzi as Kanchelskis sought an unlikely headed

The onus will be on the former Manchester United winger on Sunday. If Russia are to remain in contention, he will need to reprise his Old Trafford best against Germany.



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# lenables troubled by 'treason' and Howey

pland were losing it all ends resterday as Terry Venables ivered a stinging attack on media's continued interest is team's drinking habits and defender Steve Howev disreared from Euro 96 after ing into a bed of nettles. The England coach, who had ady had his fill of Hong ng dentists' chairs and airline ision screens, was yesterday fronted by newspapers reits of three players - Sher-Redknapp and npbell - imbibing in an Esnightchib after the hugely appointing 1-1 draw with

itzerland. His temper hardly helped by wey's untimely twisted ankle, nables accused some of Engid's critics of "treason" and

land have as tournament hosts. "It's awful but we're getting hardened to it. We just don't understand why it's necessary to do what you're doing - some of you feel like traitors to us," Venables said at the team's head-

quarters at Bisham. "They're turning the public against the players which can turn them against us in the stadium. We would like them to help us win the games which can take us through, but it seems everything is very negative against the players."

The three players were shopped by fans disgusted to see shopped by rans disgusted to see them out enjoying themselves straight after England's open-ing game letdown. The striker Teddy Sheringham had been substituted against Switzerland. Venables defended his deci-

Nick Duxbury reports on the England coach's loss of patience and a defender

sion to give the players two days off and to allow them a few beers. "I'm not going to say to them that you can have a beer if you win but you can't if you lose, he said. That's makes me like a very silly, hule boy. We are trying to get them to stick their chests out and play like men so they have to be treated like

The trio were "aghast" when they saw the newspaper reports and told Venables that they had merely sat in a corner, had a couple of beers and gone home. "In Italy they drink wine with their meals every day, in Spain the same. What would we public against the team?" make of that?" Venables said.

"We know we've got to be disciplined and they have been. I've

got no complaints whatsoever." Venables, who also had to contend with a surly Paul Gascoigne's punting a camera crew's football into a lake, pointed out that other teams have allowed their players alcohol without it being questioned. "But suddenly it's us and it's a different attitude alto-

gether," he said. be very careful about what you do. But every time it comes round it's getting worse. And what is the aim in turning the

Tve told them you have to

eye lasted four days. "I'm starting to believe in voodoo dolls," said the 24-year-old Newcastle central defender, who squeezed into the England 22 as understudy to Tony Adams after two months of injury problems.

Howey was trying to maintain his fitness with a solitary run through the woods on his club's training circuit in Durham on Sunday when his foot caught in a hole. He spent 15 minutes in a bed of nettles until a passing couple helped him home.

His torn ankle ligaments will take three to four weeks to heal, which leaves England dependent on Adams - only recently recovered from injury himself - and Gareth Southgate, with Sol Campbell possibly coming more into the frame. Tourna-Howey's time in the public ment rules would allow a re-

placement only if Howey had fallen under a car or been hit by a discarded bottle. Rules will also see England go out if they finish level on points

and goal difference with Group A rivals Scotland, Switzerland and the Netherlands. Uefa, the governing body of European football, has elected to use respective qualifying records for the last three major championships - Euro 92, the 1994 World Cup and Euro 96 - to decide who will qualify for the quarter-finals.

It leaves England, who failed to win a place for the World Cup in America two years ago and as hosts were not been involved in the qualifying rounds for Euro 96, at a distinct disadvantage. The Dutch have the best record followed by

# Why Watson owes rejuvenation to his caddie



TIM GLOVER

from Oakland Hills, Detroit

What Tom Watson and Greg Norman have in common is that both left Augusta National in April with their reputations damaged and their egos not so much bruised as lacerated. Watson took five putts on the parthree 16th on Friday and missed the half-way cut at the Masters by a stroke; at the same hole in the final round Norman hooked it into the lake en route to a huge collapse against Nick Faldo who saw a six-stroke deficit turn into a five-stroke victory. Yesterday Norman said it

made no difference to him whether he was the "hunter or the hunted" on the golf course. Haunted might have been a better word. "I've scrutinised what happened with a fine toothcomb

der the dam. I hope I have a sixshot lead on Sunday.

Norman said he had not given the US Open, which starts Watson, though, said: "I can't wait." The 46-year-old from Kansas City has been thinking about nothing else since winning the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village, Columbus nine days ago. "God, it feels so good to win again," Watson said. It ended a nine-year drought,

drought that left Watson parched for 141 tournaments. The winner of eight major championships, Watson had been the best in the business. Acting on a suggestion from Jack Nicklaus, following the Ryder Cup at Walton Heath, Surrey in 1981, Watson changed his swing. From tee to green he remained the purest striker of

and basically I played two bad a golf ball but then something shots. That's all. It's water unstrange happened to him when he walked on to the putting surface. He could not putt. More accurately, he could not

putt from two, three or four feet. Watson had the yips, a mental condition that manifests itself when a player stands over a short putt. The eyes glaze, the mouth goes dry and the arms produce an involuntary jerk and the condition is made the worse by the crowd, who let out a noise that signifies both shock and sympathy. Watson had lost his nerve. It had happened to Bernhard Langer, another major winner, but whereas the German fought the affliction with a grotesque putting stroke, Watson continued to suffer.

On 34 occasions he was in contention, within five shots of the lead going into the final round, and every time he reached the green he behaved as if he had an allergy to the been taken to hospital with a suspected stroke. hole. In 1994 he was on the Going into the Memorial, threshold of winning the first Watson was fourth on the US three majors and in each of Tour in hitting greens in regu-lation and 133rd in putts per them he shot 74 in the final

round. In the Open at Turnberry round. Watson recorded rounds that year he had the lead on the of 70, 68 and 66 at Muirfield Vilfront nine but retreated with lage and held a one-stroke lead consecutive double-bogeys. over Ernie Els. Norman, inci-That was my most discouragdentally, had missed the cut. ing moment," he said. "The put-ter felt like an anvil." Would Watson hold on this time or would his suspect stroke At the Memorial perhaps it destroy him on the greens? felt more like a hammer. In a People held their heads in their practice round at the course that Nicklaus built, Watson was in a hands when Watson took three putts at the first. He missed a foul mood. After hooking a dritwo-footer and missed it so ve into rough at the 18th, he rebadly the ball did not even marked to his caddie, Bruce touch the hole. He did not Edwards: "I hate this game." Edwards rebuked him. "Don't have another putting lapse un-til he missed from five feet at ever say that. Remember all the 15th. Els fell back but David your success, what the game means to you. I told him to think Duval posted a 67 and when about his dad. Something just Watson came to the 18th he led by a stroke. He needed a four clicked after that." The week be-

about 15 feet above the hole and rolled in the downhill putt for a birdie three. On every green the crowd had given him a standing ovation. Now other players were the first to congratulate him. Duval said: "If I have to wait for my first victory because Tom Watson wins,

then that's fine by me."
Byron Nelson, Watson's mentor, said: "Tom has become such a good driver of the ball, I knew eventually it would raise his confidence back through his irons and down to his putter. It was a victory for

the power of a positive mind."
After hurling his hat into the air, Watson embraced Jack Nicklaus, the host at Muirfield Village. "I believe it was the most thrilling win of any I've seen or accomplished in the last 10 years," the Golden Bear said. "It means an awful lot for the game of golf."

### **Farrell** to make history tonight

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

It says much for the astonishing majurity of Andrew Farrell as a nighy player that mobilely expects him to be remotely fared by be-coming his country's youngest

captain at Gateshead tonight.
Little more than a week after his 21st birthday, the Wigen loose-forward will lead lingland against France, knowing he has already done harder things in his time. Farrell launched his professional career by captaining Wigan's reserve side at the

age of 17.
"That didn't worry me either," he says. "I've dways been the sort of player who has had a lot to say on the field, and the fact that I'm talking to older players doesn't bother me. Farrell has been marked out as something special from the outset, but he has never played

better than this season. His performances against Bath and in the Middlesev Sevens have also had rughy union clubs drooling. Set that along-side his reputation in league and there is no rugby player whose current stock is higher.

Farrell himself points to trimming his playing weight as a key factor in his continuing im-

When Wigan played the Bris-Club Challenge two years ago, be tipped the scales at a mighty 18st 4lb - and Wigan talked of him getting even higger.

"I'm 16st now - partly because of the change to summer rugby and the need to get around the pitch in warmer conditions - but I don't seem to have lost any power," he says.

Farrell will have the novel experience of captaining his club captain, Shaun Edwards, tonight, but there is plenty of youth in the side that the England coach, Phil Larder, has salvaged from the usual tangle of injury crises. The most interesting new

comer is Warrington's Paul Sculthorpe, a back-row forward who, at 18, has the potential to be as good as Farrell by the time he reaches the same age. The other new ca

the game are the Sheffield Eagles hooker, John Lawless, the Salford stand-off, Steve Blakeley, and the St Helens fullback, Steve Prescott.

Danny Arnold, who scored four tries for the Academy side in France last week, is on the bench with a chance of a first appearance, along with Matt Calland of Bradford, who has overcome his previous disciplinary problems to rank as one of the form centres of the

scason. France have lost Eric Vergniol, Gael Tallec and Regis Pastre-Courtine from the side that lost to Wales last Wednesday, with Laurent Lucchese and Jacques Pech coming into the starting line-up and the New Zealand-born Darren Adams making his debut as a

substitute. Gateshead has a fine record of promoting the rugby league events it has hosted and the hope tonight is that some of the French football fans on Tyneside for Euro 96 will be attracted to the International Stadium to see how their coun-

trymen fare. The football tournament has affected England's arrangements by necessitating them heing based 40 miles away in Middlesbrough. France's best players have looked so exhausted of late, however, that England should win with plenty to spare, thus setting up a decider against Wales at the Cardiff Arms Park in two

weeks' time. Weeks Hittle.

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Watson: 'can't wait' for a 71. He drilled a drive down fore, Watson's father, Ray, had B&H CUP SEMI-FINALS: Yorkshireman gives Northants hope while Yorkshire make recovery in Roses match

# Walton belies his inexperience

Cricket DEREK PRINGLE reports from Northampton Northamptonshire 220-7

There is not a lot of love lost between these two teams. In the past, tempers have run higher than anything seen during a Roses game, which was the other grudge match left unfinished as bad weather affected both Benson and Hedges semi-finals.

But if this semi-final appeared to be played out in a sombre mood under glowering skies, it disguised some brilliant cricket played in the most trying circumstances on a substandard pitch. When play was abandoned with 27 overs unbowled, Warwickshire, with sev-

England will play three Test

matches and five one-day in-

ternationals on their winter tour

of New Zealand. The schedule

opens on 10 January next year

with a one-day warm-up match

and England then play two fourday games before the opening

Test in Auckland on 24 January.

New Zealand A is then followed by the remaining Tests in

Wellington and Christchurch

A four-day match against

Like the first Test at Edgbaston, this match was played on a pitch that was completely unsuited to the nature of the occasion - the semi-final of a cup. Here too, there were cracks, as well as clumps of grass to help the ball deviate, and with variable bounce also a factor, bold strokeplay was rarely rewarded with

anything other than dismissal. For Northamptonshire, both Kevin Curran and Russell Warren perished to big shots, Curran paying for a heave across the line at Reeve by having his middle stump uprooted, while Warren allowed wicketkeeper Keith Piper to bring off a brilliant running catch after top-edging a pull shot.

That was one of two quick wickets that fell to Paul Smith and it left the home side at 88 for 6. All the more enterprising, then, en wickets in hand, needed 130 their recovery to a final total of runs to beat Northamptonshire. 220, which owed much to their

ends on 4 March.

No 7, Tim Walton, who cozed class and confidence.

Walton, a 23-year-old Yorkshireman, has not played a County Championship match for his club this season. Indeed, he had not even batted in this year's B&H until yesterday. If he was rusty, it did not show, and his unbeaten 70 took 73 balls, including two sixes.

His certainty at the crease was remarkable for one so inexperienced. His partnership of 108 in 106 balls with Tony Penberthy was crucial in setting up the whole match. Without it, the pressure on Ambrose to per-form the demolition would have proved too great and Warwickshire might have won before

rain ended play early.
As it was, although the West Indian was some way short of his lethal best, and Warwickshire -without Nick Knight, who iron-ically broke his finger at Edg-baston - got off to a brisk start, **England's tour Tests in NZ** with Neil Smith striking several is ume at si before the limited-overs series made the breakthrough as Smith ends on 4 March.

JANUARY: 10 v NZ Academy XI (one day), Pubeloura Park, New Plymouth; 13-18 v NCC Selection
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edged a slash off Paul Taylor. It was Taylor, too, who also removed the visitors' second pinch-hitter, Dougie Brown, for a duck. Andy Moles followed soon after, cutting Kevin Curran to cover, after one of the many breaks for bad light and rain, to leave the visitors on 61

At that point the game was evenly poised but, with Paul Smith smashing his first two balls for four, the balance shifted Warwickshire's way. On a pitch as fickle as this, that advantage may be only fleeting.

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A brilliant catch in the gully by Michael Atherton, reminiscent of the one he took to send back Sanjay Mandjrekar in India's first innings in the first Test, started an extraordinary collapse by Yorkshire after play here had begun at half past four. However an unbroken sixth-wicket stand between Michael Bevan and Richard Blakey rescued the visitors from disaster.

HENRY BLOFELD

reports from Old Trafford

Yorkshire 198-5 v Lancashire

Steady rain through the morning and the early afternoon had delayed the start. Eventually Lancashire won the toss and with rain about inevitably put the same time as being spum round by the pace of the ball. Be-

Yorkshire in to bat. They were given a strong start by David Byas but in the 12th over he tried to run a short one from Peter Martin to third man and was caught behind. This brought in Michael

Bevan and Blakey to the rescue

Vaughan. He cover-drove Glen Chapple for four and square-cut Steven Elworthy uppishly for another. Chapple was all over the place to start with and when, in the 17th over, Moxon pulled and drove him for two fours Yorkshire were 60 for 1. Two overs later Chapple

bowled one to Vaughan which was short and wide and he cut powerfully without getting right over the ball. In the gully Atherton held the catch two-handed at

van then off-drove his first ball for four and Chapple was taken off with 1 for 23 from four overs. Mike Watkinson took his found a splendid partner in Blakey and in the last 23 overs, which were divided by a 35-minute hold-up for bad light, they place at the Warwick Road End and in his first over Mox-

on drove at a wide one without fully moving his feet across and Atherton, very deep in the gul-ly, held another fine catch, low and in front of him. In the next over Anthony Mc-Grath played back to Elworthy

whose whippy action enabled him to find some bounce and slight movement away from the hat. The ball found the edge of the bat and Warren Hegg dived in front of first slip and held a glomous catch. The score became 83 for 5 when, in Watkinson's second over, Craig White drove at a wideish one and was caught be-

put on 115 runs.

hind and Yorkshire had lost four

wickets for 17 runs in 25 balls.

A great responsibility now

rested on Bevan's shoulders. He

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# **Colorado win the Stanley Cup**

the Quebec Nordiques - the

games during the regular sea-

ice hockey

Uwe Krupp ended one of the great goalfending duels of all time and clinched the Stanley Cup for the Colorado Avalanche in a four-game sweep of the Florida Panthers when he scored four minutes and 31 seconds into the third sudden-death overtime period, giving his team a 1-0 victory on Monday night.

Colorado's Patrick Roy and son after tearing knee liga-Florida's John Vanbiesbrouck ments in the season's opener ments in the season's opener. put on a spectacular display of "I leaned into it and got real play-off goaltending in a pres-sure-packed game before

Cup finals history.

good juice on it and it just sort of found its way through," the ex-hausted player said of his winning shot. He will be the first German Krupp finally put the puck behind the Panthers' goalie to give the Avalanche - formerly to have his name on the cup. Krupp scored on the 119th first Stanley Cup title in the franchise's history. Krupp had missed all but six goal attack of the match, setting off the celebration after the third longest game in Stanley

# Weeks dies aged 72

commentator for 45 years, died yesterday aged 72. Weeks, the first front man for

Summer Grandstand, was a driving force behind the Sports Aid Foundation. But he will be best remembered for his commentary of Torvill and Dean's 1984 Olympic gold medal-winning performance in Los Angeles. His first broadcast for the BBC was in 1951. He worked at every Winter Olympics since

Alan Weeks, a BBC sports 1964 and at world and European skating championships since 1958. He was also a founded commentator for 22 years and attended four World Cup finals. Jonathan Martin, BBC head of sport, said: "Alan's endearing charm and modesty belied his achievements as one of sports broadcasting's true pioneers. He

was blessed with a marvellous voice and enormous versatility." Obituaries, main section,

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# Dragons, dirges and the cheeseheads going bonkers

# BEING **THERE**



In the first of a series celebrating the big events of the summer, Jim White travels to Wembley to witness the opening of Euro 96

ch has been said ver the years about England football ins, about their inolerance, their oafshness, their leaden insensitivity. But last Saturday afternoon, at about two o'clock at Wembley Stadium, no one could gainsay their judgement. For the opening ceremony of

Euro 96, a collection of former England players were summoned on to the pitch, in the manner of old champions called into the ring before a Don King promotion, their mere presence hoped to be enough to inspire the boys. There was Stanley Matthews, at 82 looking quicker round Wembley than many of the present team; there was Jimmy Greaves, a man smiling on despit the constant reminder that it is now nearly 30 years to the day since his greatest disappointment; being left out of the World Cup final; and there was Ray Wilkins, the snappiest dresser in football, showing that his time in Milan was spent mainly down the tailors.

Each of them received a warm and rousing welcome, as did every other player who trotted out. Except Emlyn Hughes, who, as he was booed to the rafters, performed a useful function for the first time in his life: he allowed the England crowd to prove one thing about themselves. That they know a prat when they see one.

On Saturday, they had plenty of practice spotting them. At Baker Street station earlier in the day, a dozen Swiss fans, in red shirts, faces painted and wearing baseball caps with large wedges of plastic cheese on the top, bounded on to a train from King's Cross already filled with beery lads from Portsmouth, Reading and Swindon bawling "no burrender to the IRA". For about 10 seconds, there was an odd stand-off as the Swiss climbed aboard, looking nervously at the occupants, until one of the lads started singing The Birdie Song by the Smuris at them. Much guffawing, back-slapping and hand-shaking ensued.

This presumably constitutes a good, old-fashioned, warm English



tion on earth mocked as a bunch of gnomes. Not that the Swiss minded, maybe they didn't anticipate anything less while wearing wedges of plastic

cheese on their heads. Scenes like this must have been repeated all over town: the police reported only 15 arrests as the 5,000 Swiss cheerfully accepted the role ascribed to them by the English. The lads assumed the visitors were there to make up the numbers, to lie down in the first game, to give the hosts an easy route to the quarter-finals.

No need to be too hard on them,

Goodness, once hostilities began in earnest, our boys didn't even boo the Swiss national anthem. Best to save the energy for next week and Scotland, to let the stadium reverberate to "we all hate Jocks and Jocks and Jocks". It probably wasn't just the police, incidentally, who noticed how badly the segregation had gone awry inside Wembley, how many Swiss were dotted among the English, even among those hard-core nationalists down in front of the Roy-

vent salutes during "God Save The

But worries like that are for another time. Saturday was for showing the world what England does best: bad pageantry, turgid pomp, rock and palsied football. Intriguingly, since England is the nation that also gave the world Pink Floyd, Sat-

they dedicate their lives to the art of holding up coloured cards in breath-

In England, for Euro 96, a few children from local schools were dispatched to their nearest sports shop, decked out in replica kits of the competing nations and told to jog round Europe.

rociously as Emlyn Hughes. The boostealingly complex patterns at the ing was particularly intense, opening ceremonies of sporting venomous even, as the poor, unfortunate ersatz Krauts trotted past the Swiss fans, who had turned one end of the stadium red. In this instance, the Germans are truly the only nation canable of uniting the rest of

The children dressed as the Germans are probably now in counselling: they were booed almost as ferociously as Emlyn Hughes

urday's was an opening ceremony de-void of hi-tech, lasers or giant inflatables. Perhaps in deference to Europeans who would have been terrified at the prospect of vast British farmyard animals floating across the London sky, instead the perfor-mance was all low-tech, flag-waving and pantomime dragons.

In China, small children are sent

the Wembley pitch waving at the

Hardly inspiring, but this approach was not without its diversions. There was a nice irony in Croatia, for instance, a nation born of ferocious ethnic cleansing, being represented by an entirely Asian school. And the children dressed as Germans are probably now in counselling: their first appearance on a national stage virtually at birth to schools where

After the children, after the jousting, after the appearance in the centre circle of a trophy so huge its lid would have been too big even for Alex Ferguson's head, came Mick Hucknall, ploughing his way through his dirge of an official anthem called 'We're in this Together". Hucknall was backed up by a gospel choir, 100strong and looking marvellous in

have known his own choice of out-fit would be less effective than theirs: he merged hopelessly into the crowd in a suit of grey. Appropriate, though, for the forgettable aural wall-

paper that is his song. Even the Swiss, who as he began started clapping along with metro-nomic precision, had given up by the end, lulled into sleep by the dullness of it all. They were woken up only by a noisy fly-past by Britain's fore-most precision flying corps, which closely followed 16 parachutists tum-bling from a flutter of helicopters flapping above the stadium. Simply Red, the Red Arrows, the Red Devils: the Swiss must have realised it was

their day. They were not the only ones. From early in the second half it was clear England were a spent force, forlornly booting the ball skywards, per-haps in an attempt to bring down the television airship which was casting irritating shadows on the pitch throughout the match. The crowd. quickly spotting there would be lit-tle to distract them on the field, con-

tented themselves with other diversions, such as spotting John Barnes in the television commentary box high up in the stadium roof, easily indentifiable by his custard-coloured trousers. How he of all analysis must have empathised, as 11 men in white shirts under-performed beneath his feet.

Afterwards, when it was over, as Gazza, Dazza, Sheri and Platty staggered, exhausted, towards the tunnel, the Swiss players lined up in front of their fans as if they had won the trophy itself, linking hands and taking bows, like divas on a curtain call.

In the stands, the bankers in plastic cheese hats went bonkers. That's one great thing about international sport, it always throws up the unexpected: until Saturday, the last term you would use about the Swiss was party animals. Meanwhile, the England lads trooped home to Portsmouth. Reading and Swindon, filling the tubes with the gloom of under-achievement, only occasionally rousing themselves to sing their song of anticipation. "We all hate Jocks and Jocks and Jocks."

# Jordan the heart and soul of the Bulls run

even Leonardo must have torn up the odd canvas in disgust, laus at least once in his professional career shot a triple-bogey. So it may yet be that, come tomorrow morning, the Scattle Supersonics are still alive in the National Basketball Association championship, having at last defeated the rampaging Chicago Bulls. But beyond the immediate vicinity of Paget Sound, hardly a soul in America believes it. A 4-0 Chicago sweep is as good as done, and a casebook study in psychological war-fare on the basketball court - in any

sport, for that matter - is all but over. For, at least as much as in the heart or even the limbs, this profoundly disappointing series has been won and string in the mind. Yes, the Bulls may very well be the greatest team in NBA history. Certainly the statistics say so - an unprecedented 72-10 regular season followed, assuming they win tonight, by a 15-1 record in the play-offs and a fourth championship in six years. Yes, Michael Jordan is probably the all-time greatest NBA player (Chicago's city fathers have already so decreed by erecting a stat-

ue to him outside the United Center before the man is even retired, let alone dead). And who else could have reeled off 15 straight points towards the end of the second quar-

ter on Sunday, lifting the Bulls to a 62-38 lead that killed the game? But the Sonics, possessed of the second-best regular season record, should be nobody's pushover. This ought to have been a sensational series. However, even more than their athletic prowess, what truly sets the Bulls and Jordan apart is their will to win, and the conviction they will do so. This is arrogance, but divine arrogance, the knowledge they will not be - cannot be - denied. Even before the first two games in Chicago (won by the Bulls 107-90 and 92-88) the ferocious hunger for victory was visible. Like a prize fighter who stares down his opponent at the weigh-in, the Bulk showed inferiority in the Sonics before the opening bell. Seattle's Shawn Kemp and Gary Payton are two of the finest young talents around. Thus far they've played like rabbits in front of a cobra-

**SPORT IN ANOTHER** COUNTRY

The dominant figure in American sport is in lethal form, reports **Rupert Cornwell** 

a gear whenever required. Last Friday the Bulls' Croatian guard, Toni Kukoc, was having a limp, dismal game two when Jordan came over to him. "Are you scared? If you're scared then go sit down." Kukoc exploded for eight points over less than two minutes in the third quarter, enough to swing a tight contest in which the Bulls were way below their best.

Now Chicago are in Seattle for games three and four (and five, Not so Jordan, possessed of an ex-should Leonardo spill his paint). In around his shoulders, grinning and traordinary ability to lift his side's game a basketball arena, enclosed and chatting, mission accomplished with

thunderously noisy, home-court advantage normally means something. But Jordan had that small problem worked out in advance. "Basically, we wanted to take the crowd out of the game, and we did." He kicked the team into overdrive, opening an 18- point lead after 15 minutes, 24 points by the end of the half. From this kind of deficit in basketball, there is as little hope of return as for the football team down 3-0 after half an hour. The crowd might have been at a Beethoven concert. At the final buzzer, Seattle had been washed

away, 108-86. By then it was like a fight which the referee ought to stop, or a wretched afternoon at the corrida. A poor-quality bull (no pun intended) has nothing left. Stop the grisly, de-meaning charade, the non-aficionado wishes with all his heart. So it was in Seattle on Sunday evening, You almost turned your eyes from the TV screens. By the fourth quarter, Chicago were missing free throws by the hatful - but who cared? Jordan was on the bench with a towel

a personal 36 points scored. On court Scottie Pippen, the Bulls' second superstar, was controlling the game effortlessly. It was left to Dennis Rodman, the

third member of the Bulls' trinity of superstars, to play Technicolor matador. His hair a peacock's tail of blue, green, yellow and orange, the mon-strously egotistical Rodman leered, pranced and taunted (as well as making 10 rebounds). Finally, in the middie of the fourth quarter, he goaded Sonies' forward Frank Brickowski to lash out and be ejected from the game. Not that it mattered. The Sonics by then had been pricked, poked and speared into oblivion. Afterwards Rodman sneered that "Seattle is totally out of its rhythm. All they're doing is trying to mess with me, trying to get into my head. They don't understand, you can't mess with the master." The sad thing is that in that innermost recess of the mind, where great athletes draw last and deepest, the Sonics have all along understood the point precisely. You don't mess with the Bulls. That's why this depressing NBA series was over

#### SPORTING VERNACULAR

No.1 HAT-TRICK

The history of hat-tricks goes back centuries and could describe any piece of magicianship involving a hat. In 1886, the *Daily Telegraph* wrote, with reference to an MP: "He may soon acquire the hattrick and other ways of securing a place." Members of the House of Commons at the time would routinely place their hat on a seat

to reserve it. The hat-trick, in sporting terms, originated in the second half of the 19th century, with the taking of three wickets with successive balls in a game of cricket. The achiever of this feat thus became entitled to a new hat (or some equivalent) at the man times, when freed slaves expense of his club. The term slowly became used to mark a

threefold feat in other activities. The first recorded use of the term was in an 1877 edition of Cricketers' Companion, where a player is described as taking six wickets in seven balls. "thus performing the hat-trick suc- Holy Trinity in Christianity. cessfully". By 1882, it was a

rare. A Telegraph article of 19 May that year reports: "He thus accomplished the feat known as the 'hat-trick', and was warmly applauded." The sporting use of hat-trick

known term but still somewhat

may have some connection to the invention of the Bowler by a London hatter, in 1850, although there is no record that the hat awarded was of any particular

Although it is not known why it was specifically a hat that was presented, there has been a tradition of headgear rewards for notable achievements since Rowere given a cap to mark their liberty. England footballers are still awarded caps for playing at international level.

The reason why three feats are deemed worthy of special merit is uncertain, though the roots may lie in the special nature of the

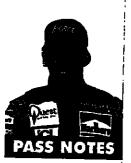
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# PLAY FORMULA 1 DREAM TEAM





Jos Verstappen The Flying Dutchman was a ensation in Formula Three racing, and remarkably quick lap times in his first Formula One test enough for Arrows, his current employers. This prompted Benetton to snap him up as team-mate to

Schumacher in 1994. A more experienced driver might have thought twice about the offer, as being number two to the German rarely advances a grand Drix career. Verstappen had a homible time, involved in a multiple crash in Brazil and a nasty pit fire in Germany. Chastened, he re-established his reputation with some fine performances for the fledgling Simtek team in 1995, until his luck ran out again along with the team's money.

good value, and Tom Walkinshaw's take-over of the team can only enhance his career prospects. With luck on his side, one day he will be a grand prix winner.

Cannily snapped up

year, he has proved

by Arrows for this

# WIN a drive in a grand prix car

Plus prizes to be won with every grand prix

ormula 1 Dream Team is just like Fantasy Football: you pick and manage your dream grand prix team to score points over the coming season.

Even though the grand prix season has started, it is not too late to join in: pit your wits against other enthusiasts and

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your selections from the grand prix shopping list printed below; the only restriction is that your third driver must come from the £1 million category. Details of how to enter are given on this page. You can enter a team at any point during the grand prix season but the earlier you enter, the

greater your chances of being our overall champion. Remember, there are prizes for the winning Dream Team in each individual grand prix so you can enter a different team for

**HOW YOU SCORE** 

Points are awarded per race to the top six finishers, based on the Formula One World Championship points scoring system (10, 6, 4, 3, 2 1) but with an extra 10 points awarded to each of the top six finishers.

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■ The fastest driver in race-day warm-up will collect six points, with to one point for the sixth quickest. Drivers score one point for each place they make up over their grid position. Points are not deducted by losing places.

• Five points are lost if your driver posts first retirement, four for second down to one point lost for the fifth retirement.

 If your driver makes the quickest pitstop (from the entry of the pitlane to the exit) you gain five points. If your driver sets the fastest lap time in the race, you gain five

 If your driver receives a stop/go penalty, you lose five points. If your driver starts on pole position, you gain five points.

The Independent will name a Driver of the Day after each race for a particularly impressive performance, worth five points. Non-qualification for a grand prix

loses you two points. If a driver is on the FIA's published starting grid but fails to take the start, no points Drivers removed from the results for any reason lose all points gained

that weekend. Any driver not

competing in a grand prix weekend scores no points. Chassis score and lose points in the same way as drivers for a top six finish or any early retirement. The score is based on the first chassis home of that particular manufacturer. Likewise, only the first

chassis retirement will count if they

are both among the first five to re-

 Engine rules are the same as the chassis rules, without the retire-



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The Dream Team manager with the highest number of points at the end of the Grand Prix Championship season will win our top prize - a drive is a 650bhp F1 car.

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Choose your Dream Team from the shopping list on this page. Remember, you must choose three lion section), one chassis and one engine. You must not exceed your budget of £40 million.

Give your team a name and register it by ringing 0891 891 805. You will immediately be asked the entry question: How many races are there in this year's Formula One World Championship?

To enter your Dream Team details you can use one of two methods. Method 1 uses a tone phone that lets you key in the code numbers of your driver, chassis and engine choices. The computer will check that your team falls within budget and is eligible.

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When you have registered your Dream Team, you will be asked to predict the number of points this year's champion will notch up over the year. In case of a tie at the end of the season, the nearest figure to the champion's points will win the top prize. In the event of a further tie, the team that registered first will

Once you have registered your team you will be asked for your name, address and telephone number. Your team selections plus your personal details will be played back to you and, when you confirm that they are correct, you will

be given a PIN number.

This is confirmation of your entry and will enable you to access the score checking line.

There is no limit on the number of teams an individual can enter, but only one team can be registered per CHECKING YOUR SCORE

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You can check your team's position at any time by calling 0891 891 806 and quoting your PIN number. If you vant to know the individual driver. chassis and engine scores from the most recent race, call 0891 891 807. This line will also list the Top 50 Formula One Dream Teams.

1. All telephone calls are charged at 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at allother times, with a typical call to secure your entry lasting between five and sevenminutes. 2. The deadline to be included in a particular race is midday the Friday

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6. To be eligible for the main prize. you must hold a current driving licence, be no more than 1.95m talled and weigh no more than 220lbs. 7. All scores will be worked out ac-

cording to the official FIA time sheets produced at the meeting. The values stated for drivers, engines and chassis bear no relation to real life. 8. In the event of a tie for the Dream Team Top Prize or for any of the individual race prizes, the team that registered first will win.

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 891 808. Helpline: 01275 344183. 10. The Top 50 Teams Line, lists the top 50 teams from the last race. Both the Team Position Check Line and the Results & Top 50 Teams Line will be updated at 2 pm on the Monday following a race.

# Make your selection from the Grand Prix

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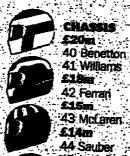
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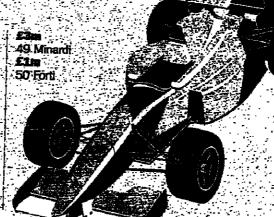
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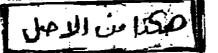
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# I can't help feeling that both British teams started Euro 96 at 100mph, while the Dutch and others have felt their way in

England's disappointing result against Switzerland will have been well received in one part of the country. At their base in Stratford, the Scotland squad and the coach, Craig Brown, will have been even more heartened by the host nation's weary second-half performance. A flagging Paul Gascoigne unable

to exert any influence after the break will be a tonic to the Scots. They have witnessed at first hand this season the havoc he can wreak on the field. England need Gazza, but anyone who has watched him perform brilliantly for Rangers this year might have spotted his weakness. His game is built on an all-action, nervous energy, which is impossible to sustain for more than 60 games a season with the rigours of a European Championship piled on top.

Terry Venables has to ask himself: can he afford to bank on the former Spurs playmaker being capable of controlling whole games between now and the end of the tournament?

The question on everyone else's lips on Saturday involved another Tottenham man. Why did Darren Anderton stay on the field against the Swiss when Steve McMana-man, obviously having a far better game, was substituted? Anderton will play a big part in the medium and long term, but on Saturday he looked like a player coming back from injury. His timing was a fraction of a second out and his spatial awareness not yet back to its peak-These are crucial areas for this type of player: that is why he was robbed of the ball on occasions when he would normally have no trouble.

Taking off the Liverpool player mentating on ITV, could only guess that Venables was resting McManaman. When you are playing wide, managing to isolate the full-back, and you know you have the beating of him, you are in heaven. You know, and the defender knows, that, as the game wears on, his tackles will get lazier and more rash. Success is just a matter of time. Unless he was injured or had indicated exhaustion to the manager, he will have come off bewildered and not a little miffed.

On Monday morning the Scotland team will have tucked into their porridge in a positive frame of mind. England had not been inspiring and it also looked like the best time in years to take on the Dutch. Their cap-tain, Danny Blind, was suspended, Ajax, who looked jaded by their stan-



Patrick Kluivert not fully fit, and both Frank de Boer and Marc Overmars injured and out of the squad. On top of this, most of the team came from

PAT NEVIN

dards in their last games. Their long injury list bore testimony to this. Craig Brown began to look more relaxed and the feeling in the camp was almost certainly: "Hey, wait a minute, we've got a wee chance here." Both Dennis Bergkamp and the coach, Guus Hiddink, confessed to being wary of the Scots' passion.

and this was probably just the spur

the lads needed.

Brown kept the ball rolling by picking a team with three recognised forwards in Gordon Durie, Scott Booth and Kevin Gallacher. This surprised everyone but it was not as adventurous as it sounds, with at any time two of the three dropping back to make a five-man midfield.

If ever a game went to plan, this was it. There will be a little glow around Craig Brown just now, as he knows his tactics proved to be perfect. Scotland took the punches on the ropes, but ducked and dived and rode their luck enough to avoid a knock-out. They even managed a few decent jabs of their own, but at what price for the next bout?

The Scottish pressing game was exhausting, especially for the midfielders and forwards, thanklessly chasing lost causes. Gary McAl-lister played right-back, left-wing and everything in between. John Collins and Stuart McCall tackled relentlessly, while Duric will probably need oxygen for the next cou-ple of days, There is some comfort in that England's best did not exactly look sprightly in their second

The Scottish terrier style will also be costly in yellow cards. This

is concerning when there is scarcely a player in the starting XI they can do without. I can't help feeling that both British teams started the competition at 100mph, while the Dutch and others have felt their way in. Immediately after the Scotland game we watched France v Romania, it was slower and more measured, indeed it looked dull in comparison.

The only way Scotland can survive is at full throttle all the way. Granted. Continental sides are at the end of their seasons too, but none will have played as many fast and physical games as we have in the last nine months. This does not bode well for our chances in this tournament, or indeed any other. In the meantime, though, Scottish passion may con-

# Vlaovic exploits Croatia's creativity

**GUY HODGSON** 

reports from the City Ground

It was a big night for Croatia no matter what the result. A new nation, it was their first match at a major international finals, and they would have relished it even if they had lost. How enjoyable it was for them, then, that they emerged with a victory to take them to the group of

The goal that announced their arrival at Euro 96 arrived five minutes from the end. Goran Vlaovic received the hall on the half-way line, swept past a defender and then rounded the goalkeeper before passing into the net. It was a brilliant goal in an otherwise mundane match. Not that they will wor-

ry about that in Zagreb. It was an historic moment for Croatia but it was a significant match, too, for Turkey who were also playing in their first European Championship fi-nals. Once the sick men of Europe, just to be in England was achievement in itself as their only previous encounter with the international big time was MILE Was in 1954 World Cup in Switzer-

The Turkish supporters have embraced the occasion like no others to date, trying their bes to make Nottingham a second Istanbul, and the City Ground was ringing with their chants several hours before the start. "I'm not going over Trent Bridge" one taxi-driver said to a prospective passenger who reasoned it could not be more congested than for a cricket Test match. "It's far, far worse, " he

replied. "It's bedlam." The man the Turks came to applaud was the coach, Patih Terim, who turned the team from cannon fodder into finalists. Ninety minutes before the kick-off he took to the pitch and received a welcome that the winning manager at Wembley on 30 June would be happy to accept. Only Brian Clough, you suspect, has had a better reception at the City Ground.

Croatia have built an awesome reputation for a fledgling nation that stems largely from ley from Hakan's Sükür's

Bulgaria not

happy beside

the seaside

Bulgaria are threatening to

leave their training camp near

Scarborough, because they are

unhappy that there is little to

do at their Ravenscar Hotel on

the Yorkshire coast, and also

because of the travelling time

The Bulgarians faced a 90-

minute journey to Leeds for

their opening game on Sunday

and their final two matches at

Newcastle will mean a journey

time of about two hours. They

have a match there against Ro-

mania tomorrow in Group B

involved from their base.



Croatia's Alen Boksic Is poleaxed by Turkey midfielder Vedat Inceefe at the City Ground last night

Photograph: Matthew Ashton/Empics

their defeat of Italy in Sicily in their qualifying group. Their preparation for *Euro 96* was also impressive, with four wins and two draws en route to Notting-

The Croatians have the pedigree, albeit recently acquired, but it was not obviously apparent in a first half that was shared equally. The Turks had less of the possession yet their counter-attacks, frequently led by Ogün Temizkanoglu, still

carried a threat. After six minutes Sergen Yalçin was just over with a vol-

After shrewdly lowering expec-

tations before the finals, Craig

Brown felt obliged yesterday to

PHIL SHAW

Wembley.

knock-down and four minutes The Croats' build-up was later the Croats were grateful to Nikola Jerkan, as he intercepted Ogun's cross that was heading towards Hakan.

slower and more precise, much of it flowing through Zvonimir Boban. The Milan midfielder is reported to have interested

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Bookings: Turkey: Tolunay Crossta: Asserovic, Boben, Soldo.
Nanc of the metch; Sergen.
Attendance: 22,406.

Alex Ferguson, and the Manchester United manager would not have been put off by the cultured way he dictated the tem-

The best chance before the interval came after 25 minutes, when Davor Suker strayed to the right wing and took his marker with him. The cross came over and Alen Boksic. filled the gap heading over from the penalty spot when he should have at least hit the tar-

The Croats began the second half at a greater pace, although they looked no nearer finding

gled to keep a straight face as he replied: "My job at set-

pieces is to protect the back

post. That's exactly what I did."

suggest that Collins, a Catholic,

might feel the need to go to con-

fession. At which point Brown

took the opportunity to praise

his goalkeeper. "I'm bound to

say that Andy would have saved

On a more serious note, he

started the game of tactical cat

and mouse with his English

counterpart, Terry Venables, by

the penalty anyway."

Andy Goram interjected to

a way through the Turkish defence than they had beforehand. Boban made several dangerous driving runs into the area, but the final pass failed to locate him and it was possibly indicative of a mounting frustration when he was booked after 54 minutes. Two minutes later. the Croat captain was substi-

tuted. The Turks still looked lively and Hakan was just inches away from getting his head to Sergen's free kick after 63 minutes. Then Sergen himself was narrowly wide with a volley three

be the former, although Brown

stressed that no back four of his

The word is equally inap-

plicable in relation to Scot-

land's followers, into whose

devotion Brown gained a fresh

insight when a fan stopped him

as he left the Villa Park pitch.

"He said to me: I'm in disgrace

- I've missed my son's wedding

would ever be "flat".

Brown sticks to long-term view vert to his customary 3-5-2. Since England, like the Dutch. use wide attackers, it could well

public drunkenness and scalping," he wrote, conjuring images of marauding Scottish Braveheart impersonators removing orange-dyed hair by force. The truth, though, is less exotic: "scalping" means tick-

# euro-spy

### Late developer erases the doubts



co, Youri Djorkaeff had the ability to run at and beat reached the fringes of the retreating defenders. French side without giving any indication that his international career would eclipse that of

his father Jean, who in the 1960s captained his country and won 48 caps. Djorkaeff Jnr's move to Paris St-

Germain 12 months ago changed all that He had a splendid season in the French capital. quickly established <u>himself at interna-</u>

tional level as a crucial member of Aimé Jacquet's several vital goals in the qual-

just in front of the midfield and

A year ago he was behind the striker Christophe little more than a Dugarry, who secred the journeyman foot-baller with a fa-mous father. made him such a favourite with Having spent five years enjoy-ing modest success with Mona-dest touches on the ball and

Any modern-day French midfielder of any quali-ty quickly finds himself mentioned in the same breath as Michel Platini, who led his country to the 1984 European Championship. However, having scored 10 goals in his first 17 match-

es for France, Djor-

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kaeff has a better strike rate at this stage of his international career than either Platini or Eric Cantona. He scored

team and, by the end of the ification games for Euro 96, and campaign, had earned himself recalls one with particular afa £4m move to Internazionale. fection - a free-kick that Euro 96 had its first sight of earned a draw against Poland Djorkaeff on Monday, when last summer. "That goal he was man of the match in changed everything," he said. France's 1-0 victory over Ro- "That day I overcame the

Paul Newman

**EURO 96** 

No 3: Aston Villa leisure centre car park: normally £3, on Monday £5. Have you come across any monster rip-offs? It so, fax details to Euro-spy on 0171 293 2894.

### 'Scalping' exposed at

# Villa Park The news agency Associated Press can always he

vide a peculiarly American perspective on what we call "football" and they call "soc-

cer" - its reports on matches played in the States can often read like descriptions of a totally different sport. An AP writer at Scotland's draw with the Netherlands at Villa Park on Monday seemed impressed by the fans conduct. "After all-night partying, only 10 fans had been arrested for minor offenses [sic] such as

et touting Stateside...

# visa chaos Not all the Russian fans who travelled to England actually reached Antield

Russian fans

cry foul at

ly reached Anfield for their opening fixture against Italy yesterday. It seems that hundreds of Russians who bought tickets for their three Group C fixtures have been refused visas. Vladimir Modelevsky, who

was on the cruise ship .4stra. which sailed to Liverpool from Kaliningrad, has managed to bring with him just three of 35 fans who had paid to join his tour group. "Why on earth did England agree to host the Championship if all it wanted to do was turn away foreign fans? All we wanted to do was watch the soccer but they treated us like criminals," be said, waving a thick wad of tickets belonging to the fans still stranded in Russia.

#### FOOTBALL: THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE "Türk-takimi acaba niçin sahada üçgen gibi

dizilmlyor?"

... which is Turkish for: "Why don't Turkey use the Christmas tree formation?"

### Blind back to bolster 'brainless' Dutch

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tugal v Yurkey (4.30) (at the City Ground). See 18 June: Coatie v Dermark (6.0) (at Hillsborough). Wed 19 June: Crast-is v Partigal (4.30) (at Hillsborough). Urkey v Denmark (4.30) (at Hillsborough).

FINAL: Sun 30 Junes (7.0) (at Wembley).

tomorrow. Blind was ruled out of Sun-28 June: Wirmers Group C v Romrers-up Group D (3.0) (at Old Raillord), Winners Group D v Runners-up Group C (6.50) (at Villa Parid:

calm to our play."

back by the Netherlands when they face Switzerland in their second match of Euro 96

The Dutch coach stressed have the experience to bring

icised the Swedish referce, senal's Deunis Bergkamp in the 2-0 defeat by Germany on Leif Sundell, for denying his team despite his disappointing side an early penalty after performance against the Scots, but he may decide to bring in with his hands. "The referee the left-winger Peter Hoekstra, was unable to see it from where who has recovered from injury, and switch Jordi Cruyff to the right wing at the expense of Gaston Taument.

Dusan Uhrin, the Czech Republic coach, has promised changes for his team's game on Friday against Italy, 2-1 winners over Russia yesterday. Patrik Berger, the leading goalscorer in the qualifiers who was not in-He is expected to leave Ar- troduced until half-time of the pointed with him."

Sunday, seems likely to start. Uhrin, meanwhile, has expressed his dissatisfaction with

the way England's David Elleray referced the game against Germany, when 10 players were booked. "I think the yellow cards reflected the performance of the referee. Uhrin said. "At first he let things go and

I was surprised by the roughness which was allowed to happen. Then he wanted to make up for it. I was disap-

followed by a game with France on Tuesday.

The squad will travel to New-

castle tomorrow and the Reading goalkeeper Bobby Mikhailov said: "We would like to stay there. The players are unhappy and have approached the man-

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agement about it. "We don't have a problem with Scarborough. It is just too quiet and there are not many facilities at the hotel. The players can play snooker, table tennis and golf, but that is all. We have top far to travel for matches and would say there is a good chance of us staying in New-

"Perhaps we will have a problem finding a suitable hotel and training facilities, but that is a problem our football fed-

#### acquaintance with England at we've done is draw our first match and give ourselves a start. Monday's encouraging stale-It's kept the section wide open. mate with the Netherlands, We were considered underdogs, who were second favourites to but we never felt we were." In his next breath, however, win the tournament, had the

caution Scotland supporters against over-confidence prior to Saturday's renewal of their auld Brown claimed that Scotland Scottish fans in Birmingham were still underdogs against chanting: "Bring on the Eng-lish." Brown, determined to England: "We're happy for it to

sense of proportion.
"The danger now is that people will think we can go to Wembley and win automatically," the Scotland manager said. "Everyone in the camp is aware that all

keep his players focused on the "big picture" of qualification from Group A, pleaded for a won't come into it. It'll be the gled to keep a straight face as intimating that he had already decided whether to stick with gled to keep a straight face as from Group A, pleaded for a footballing advantage that counts. We think we can play better than we did against the Dutch. I've watched the tape and there were 20 minutes at the end of the first half when we showed what we're capable of. The overall performance was like a club side: Club Scotland."

The relaxed, jovial atmos-

phere of Scotland's press conferences has been in marked contrast with the mutual antipathy at England's gatherings. John Collins, asked about

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#### The influential defender Danny Blind will be welcomed

day's 0-0 Group A draw with Scotland through suspension, and he was sorely missed. "We played too much with our heart. but didn't use our brains," their coach, Guus Hiddink, said yesterday. "With Blind we will

John Collins blocked a shot he stood. It was a big, big mistake," Hiddink said.

that Switzerland should not be underestimated. "Swiss club football has developed tremendously. The national team, too, has caught up with the major European countries," he

# Old guard put on their Olympic mettle

the mile, drew just one competitor. Then 21, Walter George - the greatest middle-distance runner of his era - was said to have run 4min 20sec in training, nearly five seconds faster than the amateur record. The rumours were enough to discourage all potential opponents, and thus when the frock-coated, silk-hatted starter fired his pistol, only George was there to respond.

One hundred and seateen years on, the championships that start at Birmingham's Alexander Stadium on Friday form the pivotal point of the Olympic season for Britain's athletes. They double up as trials at which places for Atlanta go automatically

He is 30 years old, he has had four operations and a serious viral illness, but Roger Black is still ready to run the race of his life. Interview by Mike Rowbottom

hen Roger Black finally retires from athletics, a career as a motivational speaker beckons. His competitive career, with its bewildering flux of glory and injury, has provided him with a rich seam to mine for the edification of fellow strivers in the sporting or business worlds.

What experience he has had of public speaking convinces him that his future could lie in that direction. "fronically," he said, "my problems have given me a very good story to tell that seems to go down very well."

Watching Black take his place at the com-bined AAA Championships and Olympic trials this weekend, in what promises to be the greatest 400 metres event in the competition's history, will afford athletics aficionados enormous pleasure.

At 30, after four operations and a debilitating viral illness, Britain's pre-eminent one-lap runner of the last decade has reestablished himself as the one the others have to watch.

And this in a year when British 400m running has an unprecedented strength in depth, with nearly a dozen men in contention for the three individual Olympic places, six of whom have run faster than

"There has been nothing like it in any of the AAAs I have run," said Black, whose first two races this season, in Atlanta and Eugene, have yielded times of 44.81sec and 44.77. "I get a lot of satisfaction from my current situation," he added. "I'm proud that I'm 30 and running the best I've ever run. Despite all the setbacks I've had, I'm still doing it."

When Black started out in athletics as a callow, converted rugby player, he was known joshingly as "Bambi" - the runner whose legs went wobbly. At 6ft 2in, and with classic, blond English good looks, his effect on the female population soon prompted his training partner Kriss Akabusi to call him "Sex on Legs", a phrase which stuck. But the circumstances and trials of the last rs have turned Bambi serious, sure-footed character.

Black's international career began perfectly - individual and relay gold in the 1985 European junior championships, two more golds at the 1986 Commonwealth Games and European Championships and, just for extras, a British record of 44.59. At 20, he seemed big and strong and talented enough to ride any challenge.

But he wasn't. Soon he began to encounter the injuries which go with the territory of one-lap running, missing the 1987 World Championships and 1988 Olympics.

Medical opinion varied over how to rid him of the pain and frustration that was beginning to dominate his thinking; without money coming in, he had to put his house on the market; his car sponsors ever so politely requested their car back.

If it could happen to Black, the athlete who had it all going for him, it could happen to anyone. And the nice, middle-class doctor's son, who had ahandoned the prospect of a medical career to concentrate on his special talent, began to wise up.

He returned to further glories - a second European title in 1990, world silver in 1991 and a triumphant gold in the relay. But injury and illness were never far away. He was not fully fit for the 1992 Olympics, had another operation and in 1993 he went down with Epstein-Barr virus, which debilitated him to such an extent that he was unable at times even to pick up a book and read.

That was the lowest point for Black. As he admits, there were times when he seriously thought he was finished as an athlete. But back he came again, to earn individual silver and relay gold in the 1994 Euro-pean Championships and a place in the following year's World Championship final. His only concern now is to make the

that promises to be the most cut-throat of all the events this weekend, uses a footballing analogy to emphasise the impor-tance of the championships. There are a lot of athletics meetings in a season that don't really matter." he says. "But this is like England v Switzerland. It matters."

And just as England's footballers discovered, the real thing can be unpredictable, debilitating and disorientating. Last year's decision to grant automatic places to the first two in each trial event rather than solely the winner has added an of picking the first three past the post. element of drama to the weekend's action.

At the first Amateur Athletic Association Championships in 1880, the opening event, the mile, drew just one competitor.

The AAA championships will have an added sting for other discretionary place in each event.

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Someone, somewhere is going to be elated. Someone, somewhere is going to see

the bottom drop out of their world. The British Athletic Federation had more than one reason to alter its policy. The format is more attractive to spectators and makes absenteeism - which marred last year's trials so badly - too dangerous an option for most athletes to contemplate. impulse to follow the American example

and the high jumper Geoff Parsons, most British athletes welcomed the new format. And an uneasiness at being obliged to run their specialist events when they turn up has been counter-balanced by relief that

these championships will be closed. The prospect of British runners having to chase home accomplished Kenyan middledistance runners in a desperate attempt to But the federation has wisely resisted any reach their finals has been banished.

Despite all this, a handful of Britain's best athletes may be forced to miss the cham-According to a poll conducted by Black pionships because of injury. Steve Back-

wards, Britain's most obvious hope for an Olympic gold medal, has pulled out with a heel injury aggravated in winning at the Rome Grand Prix last Wednesday.

Linford Christie, who will have to announce whether he intends to defend his Olympic 100m title before selectors announce their team on Monday morning, runs only at that event in Birmingham.

Assuming he finishes in the first two

places, Christie will collect his flowers, do a lap of honour and then trot over to the BBC cameras to announce ... surely, that he will go to Atlanta.

Our other Olympic champion, Sally Gunnell, is in no doubt about wanting to defend her 400m hurdles title, but after mixed experiences since coming back from long-term injury this season she is still uncertain about her capabilities. Unlike pre-vious trials, where she has been happy to do the high hurdles, she needs hurdling prac-

tice in her main event. Britain's 110m hurdles world record Colin Jackson is similarly up against it after four defeats in the space of 10 days. His hurdling rhythm is out, and he is suffering tendinitis in his right knee.

All in all, these championships, with their edge restored, feel very different to those



Sitting pretty: Roger Black, Britain's leading 400m runner, relaxing at home before the Olympic trials in Birm

# The happiest of returns for the one-lap wonder

a good Olympics," he said. "I missed '88, and even though I ran 44.71 in 1992 I walked away not enjoying it. I said to myself: 'I really want to walk away from the Olympics happy, because that's what the Olympics should be about.' Since I came back in '94, everything has been geared to-

To that end, despite equalling his best of 44.59 last year, he took the risk of putting this season in jeopardy when he underwent an operation before Christmas to remove a torn cartilage from his knee. The Swiss surgeon Roland Bieden had been recommended to him by Sally Gunnell, but he

knew he was still taking a risk. "It was a dodgy operation," he said. "I could not be sure it was going to work. When you can run in pain and still do pretty well, it is a hard thing to judge, and it was one of the big decisions in my life. But now I am running without pain for the first time in nine years, and that is a wonderful feeling. I can tell you."

Not all of his domestic rivals will arrive

Olympics and run well. "I have never had in Birmingham this weekend in the same happy position, but at least they will all be

talent as "a cyclical thing". But he points to Britain's record in the European junior

He himself has played his part, setting high standards in the event for 10 years. there - because they know they have to be, given the level of competition. "People in this country have always known that if they were going to make it in the 400, Black views Britain's current glut of 400m they would have to run fast. Now we have talent as "a cyclical thing". But he points to Britain's record in the European junior championships, where he, David Grindley,

'I am proud that I'm 30 years old and running the best I have ever run - despite all the setbacks, I am still doing it'

"Success breeds success," he added, "I also think our relay win in the '91 World Championships had a big impact. I think a lot of people will have thought: That looks like a lot of fun. I'll have a go at that'."

Guy Bullock and Mark Hylton have contributed to a run of six successive 400m tiles, as evidence of a continuing tradition

Michael Johnson runs 43.50. Enough said."

Black believes the 400m event has changed significantly in the last two or three years, becoming more sprint based. Accordingly, he has worked this winter at low-ering his 200m best.

And when he assesses his domestic rivals in Birmingham, the first man he picks out is a converted sprinter, Wales's 23-yearbest to 44.97 last Friday. Baulch and his fellow Welshman Iwan Thomas, who ran 44.66 at altitude in South Africa earlier this year, are the two runners Black is taking most notice of at the moment, despite Du'Aine Ladejo's prediction that he will win the final in a time around 44.80.

"Anyone can talk it," Black said. "You have got to perform it. And this season, Jamie and Iwan have performed. But there will be a lot of side bets on the 1-2-3, and I couldn't call it at all. Whatever hap-

pens, though, there will be surprises."

Whether this current domestic 400m strength can prove a foundation for even greater international success depends, Black believes, on whether one or more runners can make the breakthrough of running sub-44sec.

"I regard myself as a world-class runner, but I am no Linford Christie," he said. "For the event in this country to reach a new level, we need someone running a seriously fast time or winning a seriously big medal, such as the world or Olympic title.

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"I hope it's me," he said. "But if not it has to be one of these other new guys. Retirement is something Black has had to think seriously about more than once. But not, thankfully, at the moment. "One more major injury and then I'd stop," he said. "But if I'm running 44.5's and still enjoying the sport, I could go for another four years. A few years ago that really wasn't the case. There was a period when I thought sod this. But I would love to win the European Championships for a third time..."

If ever Black needs encouragement to carry on what he describes as his "road full of obstacles", he needs only to think of his recent training sessions in Irvine, California, with his friend Jon Ridgeon, who has made his third comeback this year after Achilles tendon injuries which have required four operations.

"Every day, without fail, however hard the session, Jon would say: This is great.'
He's just an inspiration. He makes you realise you have to make the most of this life. Because" - he added with a chuckle - "the real world sucks, you know."

ROGER BLACK

Age: 30. Personal best: 44.59 (1986, 1995). 1996 pb: 44.71. First man to win European 400m title twice (1986 and 1990). Silver behind Du'Aine Ladejo in 94. World silver medallist and relay gold medallist in 1991. Has won 10 gold medals including relays. Career punctuated by injunes - 87, 88, 92 - and illness - Epstein Barr virus numed his '93. Knee cartilate operation last December, Now

running as well as ever. Brum roting: \*\*\*\*\*



DUAINE LADEIO 25. Pb: 44.94 (94).

1996 pb: 45.57. Beat Black to the 1994 European title, having broken through with European indoor title earlier that year. Retained indoor title this March. At high school and university in United States before returning to Britain in '92 and earning a bronze with the Olympic relay team. High profile - has hosted own feature show on ITV called Du'Alne's World.



MARK RICHARDSON

23. Pb: 44.81. 1996 ob: 45.72

Fourth in the World Junior Championships at just 16, he fulfilled his potential last season after two years of illness and injury, winning onship. Has made rapid progress the European Cup final and finishing fifth in the World Championship final. Degree in sports science from Loughborough University. Patchy form this season, now troubled with food poisoning picked up in Rome last week. by Colin Jackson.



23. Pb: 44.97. 1996 pb: 44.97.

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Blond, dreadlocked Weishman. Won gold with British relay team at '92 World Junior Champisince switching from sprints last season. Ran 45.14 last season, beating Roger Black at Gateshead, and reduced that to his current personal best at Nuremburg last Friday. Coached



**IWAN THOMAS** 

22. Pb: 44.66. 1996 pb: 44.66 (at altitude): Ginger-haired Welshman. Coached in Southampton by Mike Smith, who orchestrated

Roger Black and Kriss Akabusi's early careers. As a boy he was the 4th best BMX rider in Europe. Ran 47.37 in first year at 400 (1992). Had an impressive series of races in South Arica early:this year. Beaten by Black in the Atlanta grand prix last month. Brum rating: \*\*\*\*



DAVID GRENDLEY 23. Pb: 44.43 (UK rec, 1992)

1996 pb: 45.66. Surprised everyone in '92 by qual-

itying for the Olympics with Black and Derek Redmond. He then set the British record before finishing sixth in the final - and all at 19. Won Grand Prix final in 1993, but Achilles injuries were already starting, and he has had nearly two years out before this season's comeback. Former rugby league player.



MARK HYLTON 19. Pb: 45.83.

1996 pb: 46.39.

Became Britain's sixth consecutive European junior 400m champion last year, following in the line of Black, Grindley et al. Trains with Richardson at Windsor and Eton under direction of Martin Watkins. AAA indoor champion in '95 and '96, but suffered grain injury after lest title. Relatively small, gave up football for athletics - played for Slough Town youth team. F :gaiton mund



ADRIAN PATRICK 22. Pb: 45.63.

1996 pb: 46.29

Made the World Championship relay squad last year under the direction of Ron Roddan, Unford Christie's coach. A sprinter who has moved up to good effect. Brum rating : "

OTHERS TO WATCH OUT FOR: Guy Bullock, European junior champion...David Nolan, 27year-old Army man who set 46.20 pb this season...David Mackenzie...Jared Deacon.

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#### **British athletics Olympic trials:** an event-by-event form guide

OLYMPIC MAIN CONTENDERS
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J Brown (No 1996 time), 1 Robinson (28:04.02), G.Steines (No 1996 time) Brown, a former 5,000m champion, has moved up and is a like J Chaston (8-29.64), K Ciden (8:36)69 T Henton (no '96 time), S Duvel (no '9

of probably opt for the 5,000m while Hanlon and Duval have yet to oan trent in 1996. Duval is on the way back after injury in the winter and Chas all region the little he won in 1994.

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N Owen (13.62), A Tullock (13.64),
P Grey (13.61)
I senett will be a highlight of the weekend. Jackson has won the tide six
rect, remarkably, has never tested victory, however, he has to be favourite.
The Olympics is the only championship Jackson has yet to win and the
pt at which Jamett has yet to win a medal.

J Ridgeon (49.84), P Crampton (49.93) L' Lynch (50.39), P Thompson (50.15), G Cadagan (50.17)

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Having lused two years through injury, Ridgeon's return is remarkable in terms of teneclarid most welcome as the event freeds a boost. He may challenge the world's first the more but he will probably have to walt until 1997.

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N Buckfield (5.65), P Williamson (5.40) M Edwards (5.45) Buckfill is the clear No.1 and looks certain to improve upon his own GB record soon. It is capable of reaching the Olympic final, it seems unlikely that any other vaultein achieve 5.60 metres in 1996, although Neil Writer did so in 1995.

F Salle (7.79), D Ritchie (7.51), N Morgan (7.58) which is almost routine for Lynn Devies 30 years ago. Contrastingly, the judies have the recent record but fell to sustain progress once in the senior ranks:

J Edwards (17.55), F Agyenory (16.69) J Gulley (16.53)

B Weir (62.02), G Smith (62.32) in 194, then had eight years of US foot tent et around 59m fully deserves a place.

D Smith (75.10), M. Jones (71.74), P. Flant 74.00

M HID (78.76), C Mad 80.00 Steve Back, the 1992 Olympic bronze medalist, is still recovering from an Actives, operation it is due to compete in a fortnight. Hill, also plagued with Injury is 1996, can reversin early season defeat by Mackencie and claim his shift AAA dife.

dson (11.47) No one I been able to achieve the Olympic standard in 1996 and this event is wide opeonly a metre is filely to separate the first six. For whoever does gain selection, lace in the the Adenta semi-finals will be a fine achievement.

24sec K Merry (22.88), S Jacobs (22.95); C Murphy (23.47) sidered the saviour for British in the sprints, has gained congood her third place at the European Cup. Jacobs, alming for her fourth gaving won a relay bronze in 1984, may be the only other selection. D Fraser (52.37), M Neef (no '96 time), A Curbishley (53.08), P Smith (52.76), L Staines (53.41) 52,34

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ries abound and the top two, Yvonne Murray and Jill Hunter, ha als out. This leaves Britain with no legitimate contender, Vilki Mic ion improve more than 45 seconds on her last attempt in May. A Thorp (13.02), J Agyepong (no '96 time), D Alaingreen (13.44), S Farquitarson (13.40)

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intell has looked rusty in her three outings of 1996 and has considerable im-rovement to make just to reach the Atlanta final. In her favour, the world's best fro not running too well themselves. D Marti (1.94), L Haggett (1.90) men James
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Guide by lan Hodge

# Success at last in search for a perfect partner



Leslie Law has waited a decade for his first call up to the British three-day event squad. It was scarcely a surprise when it came on Sunday (he was, after all, the highestplaced British rider when finishing fourth at Badminton), but he still found it a great pleasure to have his place in the Olympic squad confirmed.

Law has long been regarded as a talented horseman. He won a section of the Windsor three-day event back in 1989 and came first in two sections there the following year. But he was then riding for Revel Guest's Cabalva Farm, where young horses were trained and then sold on.

"It was a shame to see them go, but I knew the score when went there and I just accepted it," Law said. "Revel gave me the opportunity to work with quality horses and I'm grate-ful for that."

She had also given him the chance to work with showjumping horses during the two

### **ATLANTA COUNTDOWN**

No.1 LESLIE LAW

States. It was an ideal preparation for eventing, in which contests can be won or lost on the drop of a single pole.

Law was patient ("you have to be with horses") while be waited for potential equine stars to arrive in the yard that he now rents to the west of Gloucester, at the foot of May Hill. The first of them, New Flavour, came on a temporary basis in 1994. His rider Nicky Coe (the wife of Sebastian) was then expecting her second child. Law rode the horse into fourth place at the Boekelo three-day event in the Nether-

Happily for Law, the horse returned permanently last au-tumn, when a third Coe haby was on the way. He had al-ready welconical Capitano,

recommendation of Bridget Parker, chairman of the selection committee.

coming soon... 7

Both horses ran at Badminton in May and it was New Flavour who made the bigger impression, finishing fourth. He was seen as a star by his three joint owners: Sebastian Coe, his father-in-law Roger Elliott and Diana Fitzroy. "He's a lovely little horse, and very laid-back," Law said. You can rely on him not to blow up in the dressage. If any-thing, the crowds help by giv-ing him a bit of a lift." New Flavour acquired many

more fans at Badminton, where he jumped clear in the cross-country and show jumping. Afterwards the horse stood quietly in the midst of the collecting-ring hubbub. It was Law's 31st birthday and fourth

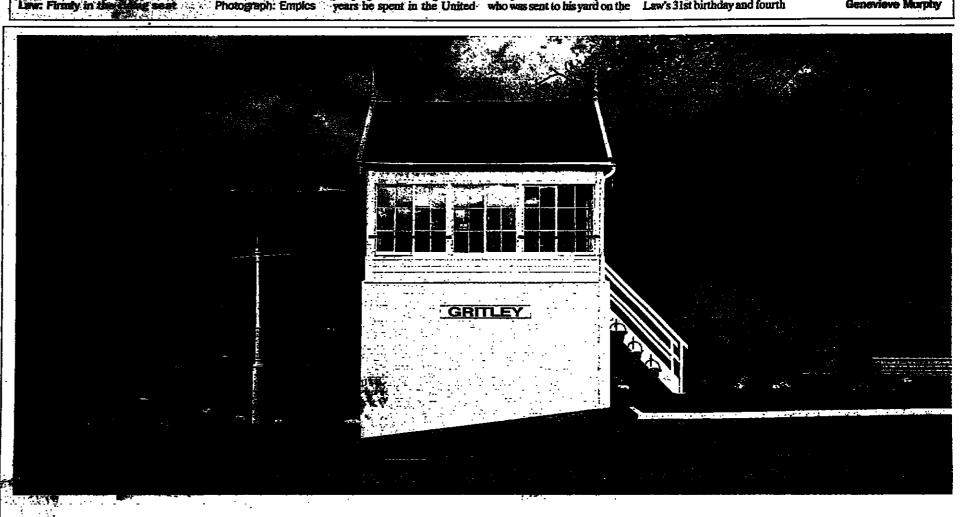
wonderful present.

For the first time there will be separate team and individual three-day event competi-tions at the Olympic Games. Law does not mind which one he rides in. "I'm just very pleased to be going," he said, in the accent of Hereford where he and his brother Graham (also an event rider) were

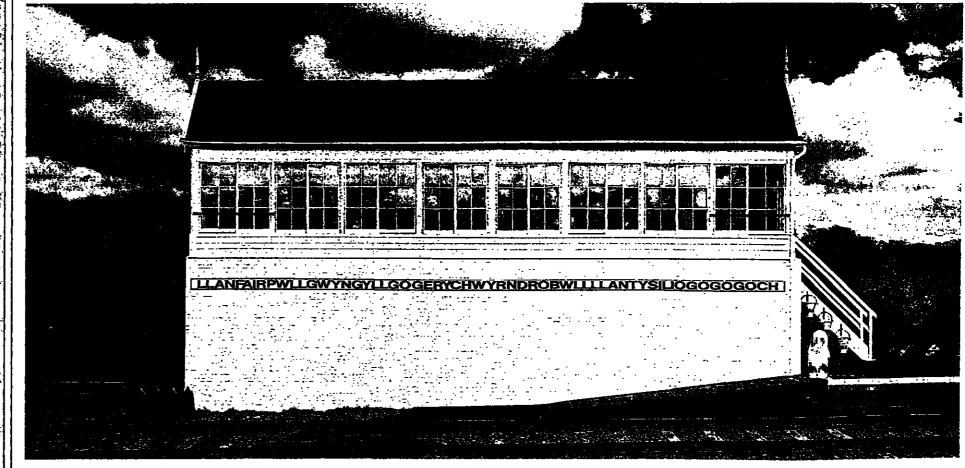
born and brought up.
Extensive research by the Animal Health Trust has shown that small thoroughbred horses are best equipped to cope with the heat and humidity of Atlanta in mid-summer. New Flavour, just 16.1 hands, fits the bill perfectly.

"He's small and wiry and he has loads of stamina," Nicky Coe said of the horse she acquired for the joint owners six years ago. She thinks that New Flavour is "fabulous". Now, having gone to Law, the little horse might prove it to the rest of the eventing world at the end of July.

Genevieve Murphy



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# Gentleman's relish opens up to the masses

Report by Paul Trow

For most people finding their feet in the game, the process of trying to join a golf club is about as pleasurable as having a

Traditionally, men and women seeking club membership undergo a vetting process which lays bare their private lives and business dealings, as well as their golfing prowess, to

the most intrusive scrutiny.

Throughout this ordeal, the impression is given that one word or gesture out of place is all it takes for your application to fail. Quite apart from the social stigma, rejection also means you are cast into golf's outer darkness of municipal driving ranges and pay-to-play courses. There are, unfortunately, still too

many instances of this scenario for golf to claim, truthfully, that it is a classless game. Channel 4's infamous Cutting Edge programme a few years ago gave a fly-on-the-wall insight at Northwood in Middlesex which confirmed many preconceptions about suburhan golf clubs.

Of course, the burghers of Northwood were simply aping the small handful of clubs even further up the social ladder which regard themselves as existing exclusively for gentlemen. However, any outsider who has

been impertinent enough to try to get a game at, for instance, Muirfield, occasional venue of the Open Championship, home to the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers and, by self-appointment, Britain's poshest club, will know what it feels like when you attempt to rub shoulders with such gentlemen.

Despite this harsh attitude towards the great unwashed in certain quarters, golf's popularity is growing and the accessibility of the game has never been greater.

In the first half of this decade

alone, 476 new courses have opened to increase the total number of outlcts in the British Isles by almost 30 per cent. A £1.5bn development boom was triggered in the late 1980s by Demand for Golf, a report from the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, which called for 700 new courses to cater for people who wished to take up the game (and an extra 200,000 names have been registered with the English Golf Union since then).

Inevitably, many of the resulting projects ran into financial problems. Either they cost too much to build at a time when the recession was biting and interest rates were high, or they were too far from the big population centres.

In the case of the former, not



joining fees, which at their highest exceeded £30,000. And in the case of the latter, too many were located on set-aside farmland situated in obscure rural areas.

Ironically, this financial crisis has created a buyers' market for golf in Britain for the first time since the Second World War. The spectres of membership waiting lists, minimum handicap requirements and astronomic joining fees are demonstrably on the retreat.

"The new clubs are desperate for people to come and play their courssaid Colin Hegarty, the director of the Golf Research Group, which monitors golfing facilities in the British Isles. "As many as 83 per cent of them are in financial danger and they need more golfers, green-fee

payers and members.

"Forty-five per cent of the adult

people will venture on to a course or a driving range at least once a

ame is in some ways a surprise. Despite the excitement generated by Europe's Ryder Cup triumph last September and Nick Faldo's dramatic eclipse of Greg Norman in the Masters, the circulation figures for Britain's four monthly golf magazines have dropped by almost a third over the last 18 months. And much of the tournament golf that used to appear regularly on terrestrial television has been banished to the inevitably smaller audiences serviced

by satellite channels population show an interest in golf. But while the media coverage may but only 5 per cent actually play the not currently appeal to golf's wider many of the older clubs seem set in enough people could afford the game. Nevertheless, that figure still public, the game is set for a summer the milk-a-captive-audience mode,

### SO YOU WANT TO. **JOIN A GOLF CLUB**

This widespread interest in the of feverish activity with so many clubs. competing to recruit people whose activities to date have been confined to playing at the local pitch-and-putt. The average subscription at the

newer clubs is £466, a decline of 7 per cent on last year," Hegarty added. "And 36 per cent of new courses don't charge a joining fee for membership at all. Many of those who do pay a joining fee enjoy varying degrees of refundability and can invest in debentures as well."

Even though inflation is now almost as low as the England football to 10 per cent. Only an uprising

of poll-tax propor-

tions is likely to upset this status quo at golf's more established homes, but the time could come when some members vote with their feet and defect to chubs

which offer better value. For newcomers who have ver to commit themselves to a particular club it, is a different story. "Green fees are also coming down," Hegar-ty said. "That gives players who don't belong to a club the opportunity to sample a variety of courses in their area. The consumer wants choice, not just over which club to join but whether to become a member at all

or remain a green-fee player. "More than half the people who play golf in this country do so few-

routinely hiking circumstances, it doesn't make fi-subscriptions by up nancial sense to be a member of a nancial sense to be a member of a club. Apart from the cost of taking up golf, the main deterrents for beginners and inexperienced players are the game's relative difficulty and the time it takes to play.

"In the first instance, it's important to receive tuition from a PGA professional. The time problem is easily solved if we overthrow the tyranny of the 18-hole round. There's no reason why we shouldn't play six or nine holes if we want to.

"Apart from rival clubs, courses now face competition from 600 driving ranges in Britain as well. Whatever anyone might say, the power definitely resides with the consumer at the moment."

One suspects that not too many of Muirfield's Honourable Company will visit their local driving range or join one of the newer clubs this summer, but that should mean er than 10 times a year. In those more room for the rest of us.

#### 10 dos and don'ts

You've finally cracked it. The secretary has written to corimn your application to join the clui. But as a new member you are of probation, at least for your first 1) years.
If you thought the interview less guelling, transfine how tought fe will be new you sign under the micro-scope of the entire membriship. This check list of dos and don't may at least help to ease the enbar-ressment of those first few sits. 1 Even if you're a tock star and ave

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Never wear a T-stirt without a Collar The secretary likes to he comething to grab when he decids to frogmatch you off the prem for conduct unbecoming.

Allaver wear trainers. They are to too; comfortable. Spiked go shoes that make your feet sore of hard ground are de rigueur, though some courses now favour ruit ber soles which are gentler on the

Never wear anide-length socks to you are in shorts. The socks should go up to your knees, and you shirt should go down to your knee You're not there for a suntan. 5 Never tuck your trousers inside 5 your socks when the grand is

muddy. This deprives the pity of an opportunity to sell you one dishose judicious Plus Fours he's had it stock since Rodger Davis made them briefly fashionable in the 19'0s. Galvays have your own ag of Glubs. Sharing clubs is frictly not allowed. It's also a bit silk one of you is left-handed.

Never leave your bag in the green when putting Nevelsave it in front of the green or on their ong side either, otherwise the ignain playing behind you will live a ready-made excuse for mistage his next shot. You will be blame. O'Never use a motorisedingly O'eyen if the temperaire is pushing 90F unless you captove you are the victim of a media con-dition. Check first that your octor

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#### Royal Portheawl, Mid Glamorgan

Opened: 1891 Owned by: Membership

Membership: 800 Waiting list: None (membership granted by

Joining fee: Double the annual subscription Annual subscription: A private matter between the club and its members Green Fee: £45 a day, £50 at weekends (very restricted)

Facilities: One 18-hole course which has stared five Amateur Championships and last year's Walker Cup

#### Forest Pines, Lincolnshire

Opened: 1.8-hole course designed by John Morgan opens next week Owned by: Private company Membership: Halfway to target of 450 Walting list: None

Joining fee: £750 plus VAT Armual subscription: £550 plus VAL Green fees: £25 a round, £30 a day Facilities: 27 holes, a 50-bedroom hotel, 17-bay floodlit driving range, and a leisure complex to be completed next year

#### Muswell Hill, North London

Owned by: Membership Membership: 570

Waiting list: Three months to get in, usually starting with a five-day membership. Joining fee: £1.050

Annual subscription: £598 Green fees: £23 a round, £30 a day (weekends restricted)

Facilities: 18 hole course

#### Bathgate, West Lothian, Scotland

Owned by: Membership Membership: nearly 800 Waiting list: 120, tould be as long as the

years

Annual subscription: £220

Green fees:£15 a round, £20 a day; £30 a round at weekends (restricted)

#### Carlyon Bay, St Austoll, Cornwall Opened: 1926 ---

Owned by: Hotel group Membership: 550 Walting list: 15, delay no more than str months

Joining fee: £320 plus VAT Annual subscriptions £320 plus VAT Green fees: £25 a round Facilities: 18 hole course, adjoining fourstar hotel

#### The Loudon, near Brands Hatel Opened: 1993

Owned by: Private company Membership: 350 Waiting list: None

Joining fee: £20,000 (share in the da) plus £1,000 (debenture), plus £4,00 pining fee, plus VAT

Annual subscription: £1,350 plus VA Green fees: None (members' guests Facilities: Two Jack Nicklaus designed hole courses, library club house includi surken Japanese bath. Plans to build t course (an 18-hole pay and play)

#### JUST THE TICKET: a weekly guide to what's on where for the spectator

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#### PICK OF THE WEEK THIS WEEK/Hockey

Pre-Atlanta tournament

This weekend

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FOOTBALL: European Championship Group
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(7.30) (at Glants Statum, New Jersey).

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The biggest hockey event in England for 10 years starts tomorrow at the purpose built, £9.3m National Hockey Arena in Milton Keynes. The tourworld's too men's and women's teams. England, ed in both. The men's competion will feature the Champions play in the women's event. The standard of play will be high, with each tearn attempting to gain a psychological advantage before Atlanta. Wigoth of payer introgram activating protein the resulting their to get there M1 to priction 14. Take A509 to Northfeld round-about, their Pathelph 15 to Mitton Hoyres. The active is on Story Baule-land. Todest range from £7.50-£10 for actitis. Concessors for children are satellited active to their proteins and active to the concessors for children tomorous, 6pm on Fitting, 1pm on Saturday and 10em on Sunday.

#### PICK OF THE WEEKEND

Pacifities: 18-hole course

After the England women's team make history tomorrow when the MCC allows players, members' wives and partners into the Lord's Pavillon, they face their roughest test since wirning the World Cup three years ago in the shape of New Zealand in first one-day international. The second in the series, at Leloester on Sunday, offers the perfect sporting alternative to cricket fans tired of Euro 96. Women's cricket is fast expanding worldwide. This year elone four more countries have formed or have plans to se-lect national sides. Plans for a multi-nation tournament next year are currently being drafted.

New Zealand Women's Tour Leicester

How to get there: Leicestershin County Cricket Cain, Grace Rood Leicester. The Schower game starts at 11 ann. Admission for adult a 55. 53 for senior causers and chaldren free. Further industration from the Women's Cricket Association on 0121,440 0567.

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ney Marshes); SPEEDWAY: Four-Team Championship tone meeting), Conter Cup (Buston),

Next week CRICKET: Monday: Britannic Assurance Championship (eight matches).
POOTBALL: Tuesday: European Championships (eroup A: Natherlands v England (7.30). (Welmbley): Scotland v Switzerland (7.30). (Well Park). Group B: Former v Burgana (4.30) (St James Park, Natwassiel; Rigman (4.30) (St James Park, Natwassiel; Rigmanla v Spain (4.30) (Elland Road, Leeds).

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Goodwood has been the place to be seen for nearly 200 years. Ninesteen days moting each year will see the world's top owners, galners and jockeys flock to this landscape of outstanding netwo letters. The July Fesshel meaning is one of the major events of the racing caracter offering five days of entertainment, Recing was vibroduced to Goodwood at the end of the 18th century, by the third Duke of Richmond. In 1953, 55,000 spectators watched the Tuesday of the July Meeting; a figure which not been surpossed since. On 27 May 1988, Goodwood Insugarated its first Enterprise Serving Meeting, the first occasion, since recing became generally reliance on Houseace Bedfig Lay Beard funding; that a race meeting has been held without Lay Board assistance. The straction of this historic raceourse remains as strong as ever.

The 'July Festhed Meeting' begins on Tuesday 21 July and name until Saturday 3 August, A seven-sees programme is provided on each day of the festhed with racing continencing at 2.15pm every day (with the exception of the linal day's racing which starts at 2pm). Goodwood boasts three enclosures of over

Car parking is available on the day with re-served spaces and disabled parking also avail-Car parang is exercise on use only wan re-served spaces and disheld parking also avail-able. Parking close to the grandstand costs ES per-day. Goodwood is off the A296 and within easy reach of London, Brighton, Southampton and Guildford, Regular Train, Southampton and Guildford, Regular Train sortices, Spertial from a vice range of prominent subtions. Tele-phone 01243 774107 for further informa-tion or call 01672 \$20782 for booking details.

Details of forthcoming events with nformation on tickets and venues should be sent to: The Sports Desk, The Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL, Fax: 0171 293 2894.

Compiled by Alister Morgan

### From police Chief Inspector

Sir: In reply to Simon O'Ha-gan's article 'Using a hammer to crack a few nuts" (24 May). I was the police commander at the Oval Texaco Trophy Match on 23.5.96. I have policed The Oval for seven years and would agree wholeheartedly with the comments about the "vibrant atmosphere". The officers on duty tend to be cricket lovers and as such we want everybody to have a good time and enjoy

All the organisations involved in events at The Oval work closely together and, where possible, matters inside the grounds are dealt with in the first instance by stewards. But, at times, it is necessary for police to intervene because of the serious nature of the incident. We act to protect public safety and to ensure that no speciators spoil others' enjoyment of the match by their rowdy behaviour.

On the day in question it was necessary to eject two people due to behaviour which was unacceptable to those around them. Two other people were arrested and removed from the grounds for an affray and an allegation of assault on a senior steward. Finally, I would like to con-

gratulate the India and England supporters who revived the atmosphere. I hope it lasts all summer and we have a similar five-day Test with Pakistan Yours faithfully NIGEL BAILEY CHIEF INSPECTOR London SE1

# **SPORTS**

From Katherine Sinderson Sir: Your story on Harriet Slynn (30 May), obviously a modern day Babe Zaharias or Lottie Dod, is certainly heart-

ening in an age of supposed couch potatory. It does however, highlight the muddled thinking of some of our sports authorities on the question of males and females competing in mixed teams beyond childhood. Why should arbitrary age limits and some feeble excuses about changing facilities be substituted for common sense

and a bit of forward thinking? Maybe Miss Slynn should add the mixed-sex game of Korfball to her repertoire, where presumably such practical difficulties are overcome. This is provided of course she could fit it in to her already admirably active schedule. Yours faithfully,

KATHERINE SINDERSON Grimsby, Lincolnshire

From Simon Malloni

Sir: In response to the headline in today's Euro 96 pullout (Is this Britain's favourite German?, 3 June) You should instead have written: This is the media's favourite German!" Just because you and your professional peers are enthralled by Klinsmann, it does not follow that the real world shares your infatuation. I have had my fill of views. Do you think supple ers of London clubs of than Tottenham care eith way about him? Yours faithfully SIMON MALLONI Padstow, Cornwall

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From Peter Britcliffe Sir: I have just read "Arour the Grounds" - No 4 Coun Ground, Taunton in today edition (3 June). I'm Taunton and suggest nobod tries to "book a bed at the County Hotel" as it is being de molished!

Yours faithfully, PETER BRITCLIFFE Teignmouth, Devon

From Paul Bristow Sir: Could you please explain to me the logic behind building Hillsborough's South Stand extension with its associated footbridge giving access from Parkside Road with steps at the

main entry. As a wheelchair user I find it extraordinary that any new construction should not be designed with total accessibility for everyone. I thought there was legislation about this sort of thing. What a poor example to show to the rest of Europe. Yours sincerely. PAUL BRISTOW

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# the cricket page 9

# Lord's the perfect place for 'Dickie' to bid adieu

The nation's favourite - and best - umpire will draw stumps on a unique 27-year career after the second Test against India next week. Derek Pringle talked to him

f the people at Disney ever feel dies and Pakistan, where there were the tige to create a cartoon character from cricket, they need look no further than Test umpire Harold Dennis "Dickie" Bird. With his tradepark flat white hat and a whole repertoire of idiosyncratic tics and twitches, he is more famous than all jut a handful of Test cricketers, proving that, for the chosen few, fame and vocation can still find you after 40.

Mindou, the animators will have to hurrylf they want to catch him live in all hij splendour. After donning said while can and coat for 66 Tests, 95 one-ay internationals - including thre World Cup finals - and 27 years ohairline adjudication. His Dickienss is about to hang them up, and rete from the international

He wil be 64 next birthday and feels the younger umpires ought to be given chance in what he believes is an injeasingly arduous but bet-ter paidbb. Still umpiring well - he came that last year on marks given by count captains - he decided some

time ag that next week's Test at was dropped following an unbeaten Lord's yuld be his \_\_\_\_\_ 181 against Glamlast, thogh he plans to carry at county level or another season.

"It's bing to be somethig special though said Bird. whose ty package for his 1st Test in 1973 cale to £25 the curent fee is £2,200. There is nothing p ompare with Lord on Test match is And when I wak down the steps om the

umpires' room, down through the Long Room and dropped thee.' Mind you, I wouldn't out on to le grass, it will be a very emotionabecasion for me, and I think I'll jobably shed a few tears."

Well, wo't we all. It is a sad fact of this gra age of standardisation that charters who can combine a high leveof skill with the propensity for u, are increasingly rare. Even us owlers, who have cursed and spaour disbelief at rejected lbws, wi miss him, in spite of the constanstream of "Not outs" that have ennated over the years from this harest of umpires to impress when pils are struck.

In fa, Dickie's mere presence in a coun match seems to bring on a bout orrational behaviour among scam lwlers. After a career of trying toomive and jostle for the downil, wind-assisted end, they are suddey happy to take on gales and Eigerke slopes just to be away from him the belief that any inquiries for lvs are far more likely to be answeed in the affirmative by the

"Jople say I'm a 'not outer'. Well I prably have been hard on lbws. Butne thing I've always tried to be is essistent to both teams. In any cas I was involved in a Test out in Poof Spain, between the West In17 lbws in the match. That's a world record, though, of course, I didn't give them all," he smirked with a knowing glint of a man unlikely to go out in a blaze of leg-befores.

The fledgling Bird, who went to the local secondary modern in Barnsley, and played a lot of football as well as cricket, was far less cautions, he assures you. "My big mate was Tommy Taylor, who died in the Munich air disaster. I played inside-right with him at school and did well enough to be approached by Sheffield Wednesday and one or two other First Division clubs."

However, nothing came of football, so he played cricket for Yorkshire instead, joining them in 1956 when they closely shadowed Surrey as the most dominant county force in the land.

As an opening batsman, he admits to being something of a struggler and a regular berth for his native county eluded him. Undeterred, he left and joined Leicestershire in 1959. The move was prompted when he

> organ - his highest first-class score on a raging turner at Bradford Park

There was a selection committee of 39 there that game, and I remember Brian Sellers coming into the dressing-room and saying: Well played Birdy, but get thee head down, thar's in second team next match. We've

have minded so much if it had been a flat pitch."

He retired in 1964, but did not ap-

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ply to become an umpire until 1969. A spell of coaching at Plymouth College sustained him until JJ Warr, the former Middlesex and England fast bowler, suggested he apply for the umpires' list.

"At the time I thought you must be joking Umpiring, that's the worst job in the world". But I gave it some thought and when some of me old mates at Yorkshire reckoned it were probably the next best thing to play-

ing, I applied.
"My first game was Yorkshire v
Surrey at the Oval in 1970. I was so nervous I arrived at a quarter to six in the morning, so as not to be late. Of course the gates were shut, so I had some explaining to do when a London Bobby caught me trying to

It is not the only time he has been the early bird: he arrived four hours early at Buckingham Palace to have lunch with the Queen and receive an MBE - an event, he says, was the best day of his life.

Keith Fletcher, Essex's godfather and guru, reckons Bird is easily the best and most consistent Test umpire



Natural habitat: Dickie Bird at home in charge of a Northants 2nd XI match at Milton Keynes this week

he's seen and tougher than he makes out. The impression of being frail and downtrodden with worry is simply a

Certainly, he has never run away from the issue of intimidatory bowling. Many will remember the blazing rows over excessive use of the bouncer with Clive Lloyd at Edgbaston in 1984 and Andy Roberts, when he was coaching the West Indies, at Old Trafford last year. But in this controversial area that contimes to blight the game, he has never once been publicly backed by the Test and County Cricket Board.

Apart from two holidays a year at the Livermead Cliff hotel, where he likes to breakfast every morning on kippers, he relaxes, he claims, by worrying. He doesn't mind criticism, and as long as people get their facts right he accepts it as part of the traditional banter that goes on in the pub afterwards.

"With all the money coming into decision is growing, though I don't erous rain-affected pitch at Edg-

like the mass appealing that has crept in with it. There is no doubt that the use of electronic aids for line decisions has been a tremendous help. I can see it being used soon for low catches [like Graeme Hick's scooped catch at slip to dismiss Vikram

Rathore at Édgbaston] but not for

other decisions." He has seen more of the modern greats from closer quarters than most, rating Dennis Lillee's 5 for 15 the game, the need for the perfect and John Edrich's 37 on a treach-

and batting he's seen. Surprising then, that he does not mourn the

demise of uncovered pitches. Nor, he claims, will he miss the briefcase full of formulas and conversion charts that now accompanies the modern umpire.

"When I started I thought umpiring was giving them in, or giving them out. All that's changed and although after Lord's I'll miss the buzz of the Test matches, I'll not miss those

### Restoring **Yorkshire** to a bed of roses

#### THE WEEK **AHEAD**

Bitter years of empty promise have taught those whose hearts beat for Yorkshire cricket to view even the most optimistic circumstances warily. Ask whether, at last, a revival of substance is under way and the majority would probably prefer to reserve judgement.

These would almost certainly include their new captain, the re-doubtable David Byas, who is fast restoring the stereotypical image of his breed to its full former glory. A ruddy-cheeked farming man, he is not one to waste words, especially on matters of mere speculation. Not that he is without opinion:

simply sparing in the way he presents it. "I have maintained from the start that we can beat anybody, if we consistently produce our best form," he said after Monday's defeat of Surrey had lifted his side to the top of the County Championship table.

If he did not add: "...and I think this year we can win the title," it is because in the light of the first statement, his belief in the second, he would argue, should be blindingly obvious.

Byas is bluff, gruff in the best Yorkshire tradition; or the worst, depending on your view. To some he may appear as rather curt and dismissive, almost disdainful. To others, however, in his silence lies his strength

And this strength is fundamental, providing at last a clear focal point to the county's ambitions. Yorkshire have gone back to basies in methodology, dispensing with their manager and investing unblurred authority in their 32-year-old captain. Byas has the experience, the character and the sureness of thought to be revered by the young academy boys, who hold the key to the county's future. Others must be reassured to know precisely where they stand.

So far, so good. Top spot in the Championship, a semi-final in the Benson and Hedges Cup and a handy position in the Sunday League to boot. And what form those youngsters have shown. The fledgling openers, Michael Vaughan and Anthony McGrath, 21 and 20 respectively, overflow with promise. Chris Silverwood, the 21-year-old seam

bowler, looks a prospect, too. Meanwhile, Michael Bevan, an Australian curiously blessed with Yorkshire manners, has more than 800 Championship runs. Craig White, the Anglo-Aussie whom Raymond Illingworth held in such regard, has been fully rehabilitated. Even Darren Gough, after a troubled year, is showing signs of a return to his best.

The authenticity of Yorkshire's current form, Byas maintains, will be proved not by six Championship matches but by 17. Nevertheless, it is difficult to suppress entirely the ex-citement tickling their supporters' calm. Nor to deny the next few days

will answer some questions, if not all. Once the confrontation with Lancashire in the Bensons is out of the way, Byas's team face the incumbent champions, Warwickshire, over four days in Leeds, starting tomorrow. It is as good a test of their credentials as they could face at this stage.

There will be no Nick Knight for Dermot Reeve to pick, the England player having again broken a finger. Tim Munton and Gladstone Small remain injured but the depth of the Warwickshire squad is enough to accommodate such inconveniences. Their hunger, too, shows no sign of diminishing, sharpened, even, by the defeat of previously unbeaten Somerset in the last round, which put them only 11 points off the pace.

But the keenness of competition at Headingley will be matched at Canterbury, where Kent, who lost pole position in a fairly tame draw at Leicester, take on a Middlesex team seeking a third Championship win in a row.

# The player who shows most independence, who rails at those in authority, is the one most likely to be leadership material

common with others, may occasionally have given the impression that the England cricket selectors were not outstandingly good at their job. It may even have suggested that the chairman of said selectors. Mr Raymond Illingworth, was somewhat out of touch and lacking in man-management skills. There is, as we now see, not the slightest truth in these allegations,

which we unreservedly withdraw. Credit where it's due. England were very good at Edghaston, and the selectors played a blinder. Having got almost everything right in the one-day internationals, they could have done the obvious thing and stuck with the same players. Instead they dispensed with more than half the squad: not just Neil Smith and Mark Ealham, but Ally Brown, Matthew Maynard, Alec Stewart and Darren Gough, and used the vacancies to open the pipeline from

CORRECTION. This column, in the A team. There were promotions for Ronnie Irani and Min Patel, and recalls for Nick Knight and, above all, last winter's England A captain Nasser Hussain.

Hussain could easily have been ignored on the grounds that he did not have enough runs this season: 351 at an average of 32 when the squad was picked. Once in the squad he could easily have been the batsman to miss out, since John Crawley was the resident No3 when he was injured in Durban last December. It cannott have been much fun for Mike Atherton and David Lloyd to tell their mate Crawley that he had again been unlucky. They took the unusual step of informing Hussain last Tuesday that he would bat at three, whatever the other

permutations. They also told the press, most of whom then made Hussain their story on Wednesday morning. This

could have backfired, and perhaps it did briefly – it's hard to find another reason why this excellent fielder's first contribution to the match should have been to drop a sitter at cover.

But the benefits outweighed the dangers. What the management were saying, loud and clear, was the thing all managements, in sport or outside, ought to say more often than they do: we believe in you. Atherton had made the same point another way two weeks earlier, ringing Hussain to tell him that although he was not in the one-day squad, he was in the selectors' thoughts. By such little bits of consideration are careers revived.

On this Edgbaston pitch no batsman could survive for long without luck, unless his name was Sachin. But you have to make use of your good fortune and Hussain added an-



generous reprieve from umpire Hair. (Friday was a bad Hair day; Saturday was an even worse one.) had said that he was looking forward to batting higher than No6 for the first time; the way things turned out, there wasn't a lot of difference.

Marshalling the tail requires leadother hundred runs after getting that ership as well as skill. It was clever first two innings for England, in St

of the selectors to pick Hussain for Kitts in 1990, and was given a fearthis Test, but it was even more so to make him captain of the A team last September. This appears to have been a late decision: Alan Wells revealed this weekend that he had a call from Illingworth checking whether, if he didn't make the senior party, he would be happy to resume at the helm of the junior one. But it had been noted that Hussain made a fine start as vice-captain of Essex, and the selectors overlooked the fact that his career was littered

with bust-ups and tantrums. This was a real step forward. If Exactly half of Hussain's 128 were made in company with the debutant tailenders. Patel and Mullally. He young players. Mark Ramprakash. Hussain's friend and fellow firecracker, was unofficially suspended by England for a year after some little local difficulties at Middlesex. Hussain showed dissent in both his

some dressing-down by Graham Gooch. This may have had something to do with the fact that Gooch's successor as captain of Essex was Paul Prichard On tour with England A. Hussain

received nothing but praise. "He was immensely mature in his leadership." said tour manager Mike Vockins - the Rev Mike Vockins, that is. Team manager John Em-burey went further: "If Mike Atherton was to get ill or injured, Hussain could be a very good replacement." This was said in December, and seemed far-fetched. Now, when the only other possible captain in the team is Jack Russell, it looks emi-

nently sensible. Another remark of Vockins's caught the eye. "I knew of his reputation," he recalled. "He was said might worry about in a captain." This is the orthodox thinking. And

it is wrong. Hussain is not the only example in cricket of a rebel turned leader. Ray Illingworth himself was a pretty obstreperous England captain. while Atherton looked like a model citizen, captain of Cambridge and all that, but soon turned out to have a streak of cussedness. Football has thrown up more examples, from Graeme Souness to Dennis Wise. You might call it Cantona's Law: the player who shows most independence, who rails at the often petry manoeuvrings of those in authority over him, is the one most likely to be leadership material.

Assuming that Hussam has now made the Test grade, the selectors will have to look elsewhere for the next A team captain. It should be a to have been volatile, mercurial, close-run thing between Ram-temperamental - all the things one prakash and Phil Tufnell.

# **Ascot traditions** in modern age

Twenty, perhaps even 10, years ago, Ascot's attitude to racegoers at the Royal meeting went something like this: The toffs will turn up as usual. God bless them; so, regrettably, will the great unwashed. Still, at least we can take every opportunity to put them in their place.

It was a philosophy rooted in the days of Empire, defended in the spirit of Rourke's Drift. among the best deals in sport, It meant that those attending the world's finest race meeting in anything but the Royal enclosure could feel like secondclass citizens, and few believed that thines would ever change.

At last, though, Britain's premier track has started to address a difficult problem: how to introduce modern standards of customer care without damaging the sense of tradition which is one of the course's greatest assets. Since the arrival of a new management team in October 1994, Ascot has been quietly arriving into the late 20th century, and if the advance ticket sales for next week's Royal meeting are any guide, the racing public appreciates their efforts.

If the phones keep ringing at their present rate. Grandstand tickets for both Wednesday and Friday may sell out in advance for the first time. Last year's total attendance for the four days of 209.134, which itself represented an increase of almost 10 per cent on 1994, could well be exceeded.

"Our marketing campaign has been geared around the message, There is only one Royal Ascot, but four days to enjoy it'," Douglas Erskinesaid yesterday. "We are very much hoping to continue the upward trend in attendance but, as always, much will depend on the weather."

Erskine-Crum was speaking the improvements racegoers will enjoy next week, the second Royal meeting for which he and Nick Cheyne, the clerk of the course, will be responsible. Punters in the Grandstand will find a large new bar beneath the contest, the former may be the

Greg Wood surveys the changing face of Britain's premier racecourse

for both hot and cold food. Those in the Silver Ring, meanwhile, will find a new big screen position solely with them in mind, which must mean that the £6 admission charge is now along with the £1 it costs to watch from the centre of the

course close behind. Also present yesterday were some of the country's leading trainers, admiring the track's latest innovation, a boom-style watering system, and discussing their running plans.

Mark Johnston, who will saddle Double Trigger as he at-tempts to win his second Gold

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Respect A Secret (Beverley 2.30) NB: Caviar And Candy (Yarmouth 3.45)

Cup, reported his stayer to be in perfect condition, but those who still hoped to see him take on Double Eclipse, his younger brother, will be disappointed since the medication he is receiving after a recent injury will

not clear his system in time. John Gosden is confident that Shantou, third in the Derby, will offer an early test of the Epsom form in Friday's King Edward VII Stakes, while Michael Stoute nominated Election Day, a runner in the Hardwicke Stakes, as his best

chance of a winner from a strong contingent. Stoute and his colleagues certainly have a considerable incentive to succeed next week, with prize-money for the Roy-Erskine-Crum was speaking al meeting expected to exceed at a reception to unveil some of £2 million for the first time. The purse for both the St James's Palace Stakes on Tuesday and the Gold Cup on Thursday will include £160,000 in added mon-

ey, and while Double Trigger

may be a banker in the latter

Pavilion which includes outlets race of the week. Johnston will run Bijou D'Inde, narrowly beaten in the 2,000 Guineas, but the French raiders Ashkalani and Spinning World will be difficult to repel. Other improvements at As-

cot may not be immediately obvious but in time will serve a useful function. A new computer system will enable the course to log all racegoers who book tickets by telephone so that future mailshots can tempt them back. Ascot has even set up a web site on the Internet, a concept which would have baf-

fled previous managers. Some things will never change, of course, Grandstand punters who want to study the runners in the paddock will still be forced to tramp through a long, dark and often frighteningly claustrophobic tunnel beneath the Royal enclosure. Up in the daylight, though, the course will be as captivating as ever, and vanloads of bedding plants were still arriving yesterday to add to the colour of

the enclosures. And if Charuwood Forest, installed yesterday by Ladbrokes as the 5-4 favourite for Tuesday's first race, the Queen Anne Stakes, can oblige his backers, both the nobles and the

hoi-polloi will unite in celebra-ROYAL ASCOT: Latest betting (Ladbrokes): Queen Anne Stakes (18 June): 5-4 Charmwood Forest, 4-1

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5-2 Ashkalani, 7-2 Mark Of Esteem, 61 Bijou D'inde, 10-1 Beauchamp King, 14-1 Cayman Kai. 16-1 others. (Ladbrokes) Royal Hunt Cup (19 June): 10-1 Yeast (from 12-1), 12-1 Blomberg, 14-1 Tregaron, Behaviour. Night Dance, Master Charter, Green Per-fume, Chief Burundi, Donna Viola, Ter-tium, Kaywee, 16-1 others.

(Lachroles) Wokingham Handicap (21. June): 8-1 Coastal Bluff, 10-1 Top Baname, 12-10 to The Roof, 14-1 Brave Edge, 16-1 Jayarope, Mady Sharp, As-trac, Areso, Green Perfume, Prince Babar, 20-1 others.



### Dr Massini to give Shaamit a check-up

urday's Epsom Derby winner Shaamit in the Irish Derby at the Curragh on 30 June. Dr Massini, the ante-post favourite for Epsom until an injury ruled him out three days before the race, is back cantering and is expected to resume full work

Yesterday his trainer Michael Stoute said: "He had a shoe back on Saturday morning, exercised Sunday and cantered this morning. The Curragh would have to be a possibility. The colt climbed to favouritism after winning the then found to be lame on his near-fore foot. Stoute added: "Maybe he

shouldn't have been favourite but he was well-backed for the race and it was disappointing for everyone involved when he couldn't run.

The Irish Derby, which in most years is at the mercy of a convincing Epsom winner, would be made even more competitive if the easy Oaks victor Lady Carla were to be supplemented. However, her trainer Henry Cecil could hardly be blamed should he instead opt for much easier pickings in the Glasgow Stakes at York but was Irish Oaks.

#### **Board wants betting duty cut** The British Horseracing Board Treasury on General Betting and to encourage its gowth fur-

is likely to make a bid to have betting duty cut to 5 per cent when it meets with the Treasury at the end of the summer, Tristram Ricketts, its chief executive, said yesterday.

racing industry by the account-ing firm KPMG in its efforts to boost the levy. KPMG has been commissioned by the Board to undertake a study of the value to the Government, in economic and breeding terms, of the racing and breeding industries.

The study is likely to be the chief weapon in the Board's armoury when it makes its submissions at the end of July to the great value to the Government, Tote employees.

Duty and on the review of the VAT Scheme for the Registration of Racehorse Owners.

After lengthy lobbying from the racing industry, the Chan-cellor Kenneth Clarke lowered Its proposals will have the betting duty from 7.75 per cent backing of a £38,000 study of the to 6.75% in his November budget, a cut which took effect in the nation's betting shops from March 1. Although Mr Clarke's actions were universally welcomed, the industry soon called for the Chancellor to wield the axe again - and this time nearer the roots.

"What we want to do is show is that we have a healthy and viable racing industry that is of

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### Roberts shines on Joey

Former champion jockey Michael Roberts rode his first winner in this country since returning from Japan when Sir Joey won the Courage Best Handicap at Salisbury yesterday. But there was almost a sting

in the tail for the South African as he came perilously close to a whip ban for his efforts aboard the Pat Murphy-trained sevenyear-old.

However, the stewards decided only to caution Roberts for using his stick twice in the forehand position, much to the relief of the rider who had steered Needle Gun to victory in the Gallinule Stakes in Ireland on Saturday.

"I only got back from Japan a week ago and it was nice to win on Needle Gun but this was great too as it's my first winner back here in England." said

Murphy was full of praise for the ride Roberts gave the enigmatic Sir Joey, who will now head to Royal Ascot next week for the Wokingham Handicap. Sir Joey now gets a 5lb penal-

ty for the big Ascot sprint which brings his weight up to 8st 4lb. And Murphy is hoping it's fourth time lucky for the gelding who has contested the event three times in the past.

David Elsworth said Persian Punch could be a future star after the horse had beaten favourite Old Irish in the Bishopstone Stakes under Richard Quinn. "If I don't get too skint and can train him like a good horse I think he'll be a nice fouryear-old. Richard said the penny had not dropped with him and he's still learning as he does not quicken, he lengthens, said Elsworth, "I thought if he won easily today I'd go to Ascot for the Queens Vase, but he's not ready for that yet and anyway it will come too quick."

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34 winners, 124 runners, 27.4%, +570.44; J Gorden - 23 winners, 137 runners, 21.4%, +570.44; P Cole - 20 winners, 173 runners, 11.6%, +590.93;

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iden as a disappointing run when forquite in a Redgar maiden handicab over this trip last time out. Her earlier fourth to Senous, frust giver a mile and a half at Salisbury was a betthere and it were content too Senous Trust over a male and a half at Satisfum, was a bester offort and at looked then as if she usuald be more surfed by a longer trap. First time out this season, Ship's Burner stanted at the indicatory's short odds of 11,10 and firsts time out this season. Ship's Burner stanted at the indicatory's short odds of 11,10 and firsts time out in lost than first behind Dhulishel and Uoni over an extended mile and a quarter of Warwick. Ship's Dancer left that behind with her subsequent Satisfum run, but Uoni word close still over a male and a half at Warwick next arms. While Uoni's more recent run at Bewerley wasn't quate so dever, this is a weak hundrop and she would have to be thereabouts. Alwarge from to struggle before taking second glace behind 12-tength warrer Flocked, over an extenditure fundings at Bath. This shorter trip is probably more in her favour and this impring filly has to be a big danger in this company. Go With The Wind made the running and pluggled on once headed ortering the final furiong when third in a mile-and-a-half Catterick made in 12 days ago. He is another that should be happer with this distance, though that form may not be a lot better than Colour Coursellor's win the Brigton select.

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PORM GUIDE

BOLD ORIENTAL has a good chance of going one better on his second to Samsung Spartion stack, ground of Ayr (6). He want given too hard a time once his measure had been taken made the that futions, and the continst at going should not ever, him as two of his half-brother Noosa's three wins as a bio-pear-did were on fast ground, Kennood Melody is also adversible, for improve on his second to Dalmeny Doncer over this thin at Brighton. This 30,000grs yearing started favourite and ran promisingly, but it didn't look quite as good a race as Bold Onertia's. Heldowlar made his debut at Sancharr's Listed National Salves and named his chance with a slow start. Although he gos to see show he goes in this more time-of-the-mill event. The usy that newcorner lake Of Corneglions has been and the provided his best and that's probably also the case with Superquest after the way he went on without pulling out an extra effort when third in a se-furloring maden outdoor at Warrisch less week.

Selection: BOLD ORIENTAL

3.15 HOPTON CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,700 added to stakes 6f Penalty Value £5,804 BETTING: 4-7 Chayestee Spirit, 11-4 Warning Star, 5-1 Easy Dollar 1995: Pare Batte 3 8 4 R Cochane S-1 (D Monte: 7 for

1999: Pare Sible 3 8 4 R Codvarie S-1 (D More): 7 ror PROM CURDE.

This is no loss corresponde for there being only these runners, and the visor that CHEVENNE. SPIRIT wears for the first time may enable her to shade it. Cheyerine Spirit made up into a decent contract last season and her larg wins, four on fast ground, included one over the course and distance. Ship's had only her ours that seasons and shaped with her close fourth to Branston Abby in Listed company last time that she had trained on. Her chance wasn't hebied when she started to hing more than a fairlang out, and this, presumbly, is why she is bring med in a year. Easy Dollar is running well this seasons and an Sib pull gives time a great chance of atoning for a short-nead and half-a-length defeat by Cheyenne Spirit in a Listed race at Newmarket last August. He has senous clarits, though a clark in his ar-

mour is that he is batter over a stiff six furlongs and ideally suited by seven. Warning Star has taken on Group horses and was numer-up in a Group Three race in France last season. Her first outling this season was over an insufficient five furlongs at Both, ance when she has failed to show in another Group Three race in lieland. Though stiff to shine this term, she comes night has it on that French run and her strong-finishing third to Burtly Boo in lusted company at Sandown last July.

Selections: CHEYERNE SPIRIT

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The thing with spiniters is catching them right, and though Sansteolom is 6th lower than his win over the course and distance last July, the two doing it at present are MOUSTHOLE and Sea-Dear. The decision to run Mousthole with such a big weight only you days other he win at Windsor won't have been taken lightly. The four-year-old tools to have a stiff task with 1034 4th or his back, but he is built to carry it and is much-improved since being thed in blinkers. He stoyed on strongly after leading a furlong out at Windsor on Monday evering and should give amother good account of introdict in his present mood. See-Deer had been banging away on the all-weather earlier in the year without gating his head in front and has clearly appreciated being downgraded in his latest two starts. He's been third off a mark of 82 this season, so even with 1054 he is well breated for a hone in such good form, flantinosity's first win in three seasons was a last-gate after over seven fusiongs in a Folkestons claimer a fortught ago. Putting the old horse up 7th for that may be a bit harsh and the extra furling could be what he needs these days. Nearth La Bow won from a good draw at Lingfield at the start of the month and strugged with the early pace at Goodwisou five days later. She and Sharep timp were staying on in the closing stages behind Don Proe without ever looking likely to get into it, but the Lingfield win was an improvement and Meme La Sou comes into the reckoning.

4.45 JOHN HOLDRICH MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 370 7f Penalty Value £4,126 BLOSSOMVILLE (7 G Vlamen) AL lance S 11 . BLOSSONIVALE (F. 0 Warrer M. Janes B.11
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Fatefally was even-money taxounte when trounced by 1s Rib in a gover-funding maden at Neumanies in early May. That defeat, a disapportiment at the time, was seen in a far better light when the whiner went on to take the French Guinese, though Federlay was a big let-down in testing conditions at Goodwood next time. It may be that Federlay must have better ground, in which case she is well worth another chance, but they bet 10/1 bar the first two Neumanies and their bookers in the Neumanies and their bookers in the Neumanies and their bookers. better ground, in which case she is well winth another chance, but they bet 10/1 ber the first two home in that Newmarket race and they looked the only two straight enough to do memselves justice. The third taxourate, Royel Jade, finished fifth, five lengths behind Fate-tully, and could easily have come on enough since their to reverse the placings. Another chapite of a lot of improvement is MISTRUE, who can a promising first race as the stable's second-string when keeping on behind Gold Spate over seven futuring at Rempton 11 days ago. She was very green and the only problem may be that she needs this experience before coming to nestelf. Onners played up in the paddock before linehing third over six turn longs at Newmarket on her reappearance and them reared at the start when unplaced at a five-furious Beverley maden. It may be that this is more her trull after this race. Rowy has shaped quite well in both her starts, though true Joy and With Care are two mosely bred newcomers that wall have to be watched in the butting. Selection: MISRUE.

5.15 HORNING FILLIES HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 3YO Im 2f 21yds Penalty Value £3,179 005-531. All REEM (RES) (1.5) (D) Olemban A http://www.i.j.Gosden 9 7 0-01610. SISTAR ACT (5) (RP) (Tim Corby) M Chamon 9 2

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After being slowly ching and down the field in two back-end runs as a two-year-old, PARSIA repeated the dose at Windsor on her reeppearance. Those three curings at least question has for a handicap mark and she took advantage of what might have been a generous assessment to swoop late and beat 1.7 others in a handicap over this top at Laicester nine days ago. Only sib higher here with her penalty, she could be ahead of the bandicapper. Slatar Act steps up from a mile. She weakened in the final furiong when unplaced it Windsor has also add, as she is a pound higher here, Almeb is a more field danger. His win in a Redcar malden over this trip last time out shows he is coming the hight way and he is no higher than when he started the season.

Selection: PARSIA

#### BEVEREEY

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Right-hand, galloping course with very still 51.

Rouse is 1m west of town on A1035. Bus service from Beverley rail studion (Rull – Scarborough line) 2m. ADMINSSION: Caub 512; Junior Club (16 to 21-year-olds) 58; Taptersalls 58; Siver Ring 53; Course Enclosure 52; Picnic grea 52 or 52 per car, plus \$2 per occupant. CAR PARK: Pree.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Abstone Again (2.00), Penny's Wish-ing (2.30), Nose No Bounds & Tabriz (3.30). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Three Arch Bridge (3.00) worthers in the Last server of the First Aria Eridge (3,00) won at Beverley on Wednesday.

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2.00 GEORGE HUTCHINSON & DENISE GUTHER-LESS CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,500 added 2YO 5f

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2.30 POLYGON (HUMBERSIDE) FILLIES HAND-ICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 51

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2.45: 1. MISTER WOODSTICK (P Rotanson) 5-2: 2. Highspeed 7-4 far; 3. Oriole 14-1. 9 ran. ½, 1½. (M Larvis, Newmarker). Totte 23.10. £1.10. £1.60, £2.60. Dual Forcest: £3.10. CSF: £7.33. Prose: £46.09, Tox £79.50.

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£79.50. 3.15; 1. GOOD HAND (N CONTRIBUT) EVERS Tar; 2. Brodessa 4-1: 3. Internation Evers 12: 72. Brodessa 4-1: 3. Internation 100-30. 10 ran, 2-5; 1. (J. W. Warts, Richmord). Totas: £1,90; £1.50; £1.30; £1.10. Duel Forecas: £4.20. Computer Straight Furecast: £5.38. Tota: £3.90.

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Straigh Forecast: £75.91. Treast: £439.44.

100: £67.70.

4-15: 1. Wightashne (Dean McKeown) 8
12: 2. The Laminton Worm 2-1; 3. Barthane

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2.30: 1. WHITE SEA (T Quint) 7-2 for; 2. Uncharted Waters 10-1; 3. Temps GRt 7-1. 11. rsn. 4:; 1. IP Cole, Whatcombe). Tobes 54-40: [1:90, 53-50, 51-50. Dual Rurecast: 221-80. Computer Straight Forecast: 237-48. Incast: £216.84. Inc. £78.50.

3.00: 1. SIR JOEY (M Roberts) 10-1; 2. Sayla 10-1; 3. Yego Domein 5-1 tax. 14 ran. 14. Str. Hu. IP Murphy, Bristoff. Toto: £18.60;

£4.60, £2.90, £2.50, Dual Forecast, £67.20 Comparer Straight Forecast: £102.41, Ync. ast: £533.42, Ync. £260.50, a.30: 1. PERSSAN PUNCH (F. Qurvi) 5.2: 2, Old Wish 11-10 (ay. 3, Shooting Light 7-1.5 ran. 14., 12. (D. Basorin, Whitcomber, £60: £3.10; £1.50, £1.10. Dual Forecast: £2.30, Computer Straight Forecast: £5.50, NR: Slipars.

12.30. Computer Straight Forecast: £5.59. NR: Sipars.
4.00: 1. WANDERING STAR (N Day) 7-2: 2. Tillyard 15-2: 3. Duchesse de Berri 7-1. 12 ran. 6-4 lav Saleeman (4m), 11. 3/r. (J Farshave, Newmarket). Tote: £5.80; £1.60. [2.20. £2.10. Dua Furecast: £50.90. Computer Straight Forecast: £31.11. Inc. £50.00.

£35,00.
4,30: 1, GENTLE IRONY (B Doyle) 1.4-1:
2. Jaczim 7-2 far; 3, Pointer 10-1. 15 run.
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£5.00, £1.40, £3.60, Dust Forecast: £54.50. Computer Straight Forecast: £54.50. Computer Straight Forecast: £63.00. Thoast: £507.80. Thos: £230.20. NR. Foyre Hoby. 5.00: 1. CHARLOTTE CORROAY (M. Hults) 5-6 br; 2. Premier Hight 9-1: 3. Miss-Tab 6-1: 12 ran. 34s. 15s. (G. Wragg, Nesum: Ket). Totas: £2.00; £1.10, £2.90, £1.60. Dual Forecast: £10.30. Computer Straight Forecast, £10.74. Inc.: £9.00.

Jackpot: Not won (pool of £4,138.68 cgr. red fetward to Rempton today). Place 6: £59.20. Place 5: £39.13.

# Danger of RFU rift over TV deal

**Rugby Union** DAVID LLEWELLYN

As the fall-out from the Rugby Football Union's decision to sign up with BSkyB came to earth yesterday, Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the executive, denied that he was going to call yet another special general meeting

Tve not even contemplated calling an SGM," Brittle said from his Isle of Man home last night. "That quote that appeared was from someone else and it was attributed to me, but I certainly

didn't say that yesterday."

There are rumblings from Brittle's backers that RFU heads should roll for the signing of a contract that has turned the other three home unions against Twickenham and will almost certainly lead to England's expulsion from the Five Nations

Championship next season.

Brittle feels he should have had more say in the delibera-

Scotland's tour management

were left with Test selection

problems in the shape of knee

injuries to both their outside

centres, Graham Shiel and

Scott Hastings, after yester-

day's easy victory at Lansdowne

Shiel damaged his knee at an

early stage but did not come off

until the second half when he

was replaced by Hastings. But

Hastings, the Watsonian centre,

lasted only 12 minutes before re-

ceiving a deep cut on his left

knee that needed immediate

stitching and, of the two, he

must be the most doubtful for

Saturday's second Test against

"It is very disappointing to lose both outside centres," the

team manager, Jim Telfer, said.

"Scott caught his knee on a stud

One player who stood out

Park, Blenheim,

New Zealand

**Double trouble for** 

**Scottish Test hopes** 

tions of the seven-man panel, which was set up long before Brittle was elected to the chair of the executive as part of the RFU finance sub-committee.

"[I am] responsible for and have control of the day-to-day business matters of the union and directing the chairmen of all sub-committees. But that has been totally ignored," Brittle said. "I was not kept informed of the details of the negotiations. I have been excluded from the

The RFU secretary, Tony Hallett, countered: "He [Brittle] was kept fully informed at all committee stages. He wasn't on the panel but he was at every committee meeting when the matter was discussed. As far as the TV contractual arrangements were concerned the full committee voted unanimously

for the action taken." If an SGM were to be called, there would probably be de-mands for resignations, but last

Tony Stanger and Ken Logan.

Broughton, Rowen Shepherd and captain Craig Chalmers,

who with five conversions and

a penalty finished with 18

Shiel, until he retired in-

the Scots' ball movement

were also well served by the

link work of the flanker Nick

Broughton, who was frequent-

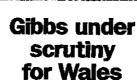
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night Hallett, one of the signa-tories to the BSkyB deal worth £87m over five years, maintained: "I have acted in pursuance of the instructions the committee gave me as did the treasurer.

Brittle is concerned about the fate of the Five Nations. "I was absolutely shocked when I learned at a committee meeting on 5 June that the TV contract had been signed, without consultation with myself or some of the other officers. The details of it have been received by me this afternoon, which is six days after the event," he said.

He wants to salvage something from an apparently doomed Five Nations. "I think we must make every endeavour to retain the Five Nations Championship. What we should be doing is expanding the game, not contracting it. If we are not careful we are going to have five or six big nations in the world where all the monies will be concentrated."



South Island Divisional XV 21 Scotland 63 Newcastle player capped a good performance with two tries, a feat also achieved by wingers Andrew Gibbs is among the Welsh hopefuls who go into this morning's match against Australia B under the Ballymore Scotland's other try-scorers floodlights. With just two minor were Gary Armstrong, Nick games to come before the Sec-ond Test on 22 June, the Wallaby B team provide the final

potent opposition.
"Test places are still up for grabs," the Newbridge flanker said. "It is going to be like another international. We have got three matches to really get our

lock Paul Arnold and the standoff Arwel Thomas are perhaps the ones most likely to be under the selectors' microscope.

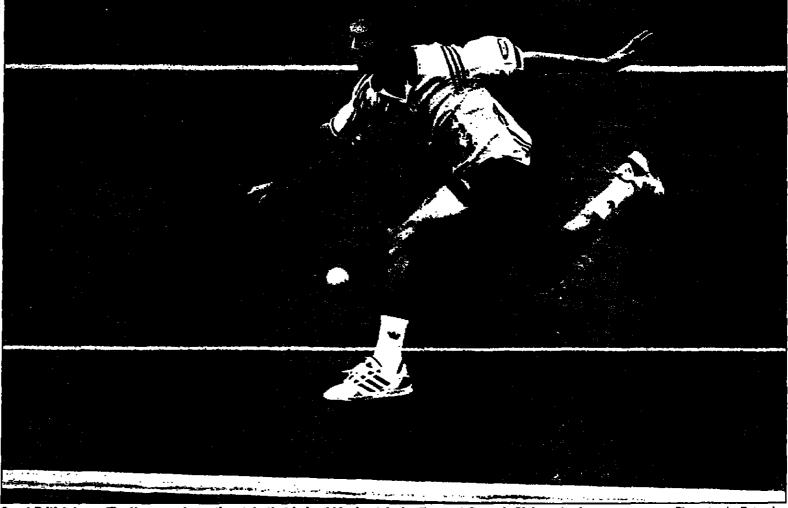
The coach, Kevin Bowring, is demanding a tightening up of the Welsh defence around the fringes. "The Australians are hit-ting close from first phase, slamming stuff, and we have to physically deal with that or we



jured, had contributed hugely to game going."
Gibbs, the No 8 Emyr Lewis, among the backs, and the Scots

will be in trouble," he said.

With just one Welsh win from four games, however, the



Great British hope: Tim Henman shows the style that helped him beat Javier Frana at Queen's Club yesterday

# Henman resilient under pressure

Tennis

BARRY WOOD reports from Queen's Club

Tim Henman continued to demonstrate why he is regarded as Britain's brightest hope when he produced a gallant performance and upset the No 16 seed, Javier Frana, to reach the second round of the Stella Artois grass-court championships

Frana is unusual in that he is an Argentinian who favours grass over clay. A committed serve and volleyer, he proved an ideal opponent for Henman to test himself against. There was little to choose between their games, but Frana definitely had e in size and strength

cancelled out by Henman's resilience under pressure, and his ability to lift his game when he most needed to, rather than shimp into defeat when the go-

ing got tough. Henman began by taking a 0 lead, was broken back in the fifth game and held a set point at 6-5, which he lost when he hit a poor return. Frana took the tie-break and swiftly built a 3-0 lead in the second, surely a cue for Henman to think about how he was going to spend the remainder of the week.

Frana though had problems with his serve, and Henman took advantage. The Argentinian twice double-faulted to set up break points, and on both occasions Henman accepted his opportunity. In the In the end that advantage was Henman sneaked ahead 4-3,

double-faulted to lose his serve. but kept his head, broke again and served out for the match.

"I was anxious to perform well, and to perform well and win is a bonus," Henman said. When you're 3-0 down in the second set you've got your back against the wall, but the chances I was having I knew I would take them eventually."

Chris Wilkinson was unfortunate to draw Guy Forget in the opening round, and was dismissed 6-2, 7-6. Forget's pedigree at Queen's is excellent. Last year the elegant Frenchman beat Boris Becker and Goran Ivanisevic before losing the final to Pete Samoras in two tiebreaks without dropping his serve, and he looked in equal-

Valentin Kononen, the Finnish world 50

squed. Heikki Kantola, the Olympic com-

res champion, has threatened

up to scratch, but for a player who was involved in the French Open up until the final weekend, finishing as runner-up in the doubles event, a rough edge

or two could be forgiven. Wilkinson, who also heat lvanisevic at the same venue three years ago, produced a few delightful passes, but it was not enough to generate a challenge of even a modest kind until the second set was well under way.

Wilkinson put enough winners together not only to recover an early break but to hold two set points at 5-4. The tie-break, though, saw the Londoner tak-

ing just one point.
Boris Becker, playing his first match since injuring a thigh muscle which forced him to miss Although he produced nine the French Open, eased to a been given a wild card.

aces, his first serve was not quite 6-4, 6-2 win over a qualifier Chris Haggard, who was play-ing in his first ATP tour event.

Now, the injury is fine. "At this stage I can say that everything is perfect. It took two weeks of treatment in Munich. and I came to Queen's last week and have been hitting balls for 10 days now. It's very good to

Wimbledon have been announced, with places going to Chris Wilkinson, Danny Sapsford, Mark Petchey, Jeremy Bates, Nick Gould and Luke Milligan. With no British ladies ranked highly enough for direct entry, beneficiaries are Clare Wood, Samantha Smith, Rachel Viollett and Megan Miller. The

#### the flanker Peter Walton. The Casto, B Stewart (Edithurs) Academicals), carry just too much firepower. KEMPTON HYPERION 6.45 Simple Logic 7.10 Sharp Consul 7.40 Sharaf Kabeer 8.10 FIGHTING TIMES (nap) 8.40 Pearl Venture 9.10 side. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5f & 6f; high for 7f (Round course Right-hand course, Separate straight course for 5f and 6f races. ■ rogan-name course. Separate straight course for it and of pack rate-tically fins. ■ Racecourse is on the A208 at Sunbury. A bus link operates from Rich-mond Univerground station. Kempton Park railway station adjoins course. ADMINISTORY: Chib & Tottersalls 5.10 (16 to 25-year-olds S8); Silver Ring S5. CAR PARE: Members 52; remainder, free.

SIS BACING BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Gadge (7.10), Shift Again (8.10), Pairy Kaight WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS; Sea Victor (8,40) was at South-

well an Thursday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Secret Service (8.40) has been sent 245 miles by C Thornton from Middleham, North Yorkshire, Double Echo (8.10) sent 245 miles by J Rethell from Middleham, North Yorkshire. 6.45 MARS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E) 24 ERTON PARK (RE) (18) R Mehurs 86 ...... O GROWSTAIR LAD (RE) (40) 8 Meeten 86... \_Dans 074eli (3) 2

7.00 Cheeky Chappy 7.30 Simand 8.00 Billy Bushwack-

er (nb) 8.30 Cashmere Lady 9.00 Ben's Ridge 9.30 Dal-

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Right-hand and Paddock ST (\$4 for OAPs, disabled & Statients, \$10 for couples); accompanied under-like fire all enclosures. CAR PARE: Prec.

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WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
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7.00 HAMILTON ADVERTISER AMATEUR RIDERS'
HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added to stakes

BETTING: 7-2 Tropical Basch, 4-1 Chaoly Chappy, 5-1 Rinns Mager, 11-2 Serious Hurry, 6-1 Sunday Mail Too, 7-1 Natural Kay, 18-1 offices

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SHAPLE LOGIC (25) A Foster 7 12 ... WHAT HAPPENED WAS (14) Mortyn Messle 7 12.

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#### SPORTING DIGEST Bournemouth have signed the former Engand schoolboy international defender Leo Cotterill, 21, from Ipswich Town on

to boycott the Olympic national team because Antero Lindman, the national champion, has been excluded from the Chile have named Nelson Acosta, coach of the club side Union Espano-

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 5 Oakland 4; Detroit 8 Baillmore 3: New York Yankees 5 Toronto 3; Chicago Whites Sox 8 Boston California 7; Kanasa Coy 5 (10 mmgs); Minnesota 13 Septile 6; Texas 8 Minwaukee 3. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Flonda 5 Montreol 2; Chicago Cubs 2 Philadelphia 1; New York Mets 8 Atlanta 3; Houston 10 Colorado 9; Los Angeles 2 St Louis 1; Patisburgh 5 San Francisco 4; Cincinnati 6 San Diego 3.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES Rugby Union IIS CUP INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

public of Ireland v Mexico (12,30em Thurs-day) (at Glants Stadium, East Putherland, New Speedway 7.30 unless stated FIRST TEST: England v Austraka (at Hulf). MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (First day of two, 11.0 start): Wisbect: Cam-bridgeshire v Suffolk. Cannock: Staffordshire FOUR-TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP Qual round first leg: Long Eaton v Cove Wolverhampton v Belle Vue.

Rugby League Other sports

be back on grass," he said. Most of the wild cards for

470 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Hayling Island): Men (overall after three races): 1.4 Kosmatopoulos and K Tregons (Gr) 12.75 pts; 2.0 Berestin and E Burnation (Rus): 23.75; 3= J Mernots and I Walter (GR), 8 and J Kouverhoven (Ru). 29. Women (overall after six races with one discard): 1. Y Strge and A Kinoshita (Japan 16.5 pts; 2.5 Bauchiolt and K Adluder (Ger) 22.75; 3 P Balv and C Pinnow (Ger) 28. GB: 8 B Ragisti and S Car 42; 22 S Rees-Jones and Leach 103.

**Table tennis** 

Carl Prean, England's top-ranked pro-fessional who still declines to play for England, is making a surpnse appear-ance in the Great Britain Learn playing

who are preparing for the Olympic Games

in Atlanta, are in Rio with their captain, Jill Parker.

Mary Joe Fernandez, ranked ninth in the world, is a late entry for the Direct Line

Insurance women's championships at

in the Brazilian Open at Rio de Jane starting today. England's top two women, Lisa Lomas and Andrea Holt,

la, as national coach, He replaces Xawer Azkargorta, who resigned last week af-ter a 1-1 draw with Venezuela in a Woold Cup qualifier.

WORLD CUP Concecat qualifying tourne-ment Caribbean Zone third round first leg (Port-of-Spain, Trinidad): Cuba 6 Halti 1. ice hockey

Hell STANLEY CUP FINALS Fourth game: Colorado I Flonda O (Colorado win best-of-seven phampionship series 4-0).

Rugby League Andy Northey, of St Helens, who has not played since being Injured during his side's Wernbley victory against Bradford Bulls in late April, is back in action this week in Saints' Alliance team for tomorrow night's trip to Hull.

Eastbourne next week. The 25-year-old American moved back into the top 10 Rugby Union Brian Moore, the former England hookwhen she reached the fourth round of er, will come out of retirement to play for Richmond, the Courage League Sec-ond Division side, next season, Moore, the French Open before losing to Stef-fi Graf last week. Fernandez joins five other top 10 players in the singles: Graf, Conchita Martinez. Jana Novotna, or reciminar, the courage League Sec-ond Division side, next season. Moore, one of the driving forces behind the geme turning professional, will play as an amateur. He will jour Ben Clarke, his former England colleague and Rich-mond's new captain, who has moved to the Athletic Ground from Bath. Richmond have also serged lone bath. Chanda Rubin and Lindsay Davenport. Richmond have also signed loose head prop, Rowan Fuller, from Moseley. Paul Thorburn, the former Wales cap-tain, has left Neath to play for Dunwant in the Heinelven League First Division next season. The 33-year-old full-back.

who played for his country 37 times, 10 as captain, was recently appointed as tournament director for the 1999 Rugby World Cup.

TOUR MATCH (Blenheim, NZ): South Island Dw XV 21 Scotland 63.

John Merricks and Ian Walker may be a little ring rusty, not having sailed a major regatta since Hyères at the end of April, and it showed in the first race of their European title defence in the 470s at Hayling Island yesterday. They were lying third at the end of the first day of the 12-race series, helped by the disqualification from the race of the Ival-it huntiers who had been lund second. di brothers, who had been lying second overall. Knut Frostad, skipper of Norway's innovation kusemer syndicate for the 1997 Whitbread, yesterday an-nounced that Marcel van Triest, navi-gator for Lawne Smith in the last race, and Jim Close, sailmaker and timmner for Chris Deldsoon in beth the lither. for Chris Dickson in both the Whitbread and the America's Cup, had joined the project. Their training yetch, Dennis Con-ner's old Winston, sailed from Hamble

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1.8 M Hings (Swit): 1.9 J Hatard-Decups (Fr):
2.0 K Habsudova (Slovak).

The number of successive

defeats suffered by the Japanese club Kyoto Purple Sanga, newly promoted to the J League, which has prompted them to dismiss. their manager, the former Brazilian World Cup defender Oscar

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THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

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b Enormous clasp, easy to open (4)
10 Stud often seen in Hull? (5)
11 Source of light's gone to hell, using parasols (9)
12 The French following lorry in Reading, say (7)
13 One who trains police-dog or boxer (7)
14 Exhausted from old-fash-poped standing (3,2,4,4)

ioned standing (3.2.4.4)
17 Men's auditions going badly (more than one fell here)

21 Pen, the main port of Wales? 7

22 American writer finding God, close to water (7) 24 Removal of this paper may make people cry (5,4) 25 Adaptation of Verdi's Force of Destiny? (5) 26 Drinks for kids (4) 27 Reviving Roman thing with top priority (9) DOWN

Ripped up new road, like Escamillo (8) Focal-point of tea-maker

about four (5) Vatican nun lost, sadly not fitting after such treat-ment? (14)

Channel Islands' duck m a tank (7) Local offices not opening for American spreads (7) Neat stringed instrument, ruined on the outside (9) Protect from scolding (biting

head off) (6) Rotten swindler chosen is a weak, upper-class type (8,6)

15 A striking bar-counter! (9) 16 Uncle set to cook anything

edible (8)

18 Dog that follows better half around Harrow? (7)

19 Trendy nurses with means

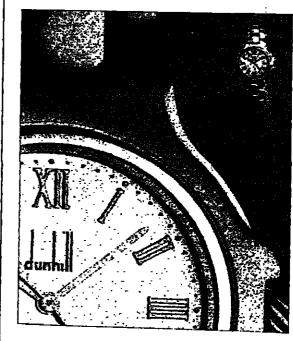
20 Partner of wild scoter (6) 23 Crack used by the literati.



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